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## The Manufacture of Charcoal in Kilns.\*

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The manufacture of charcoal in kilns was declared many years ago, after a series of experiments made in poorly constructed furnaces, to be unprofitable, and the subject is dismissed by most writers with the remark that in order to use the method economically the products of distillation, both liquid and gaseous, must be collected.

Besides iron, there are other manufactures in which large amounts of charcoal were used, but these consumers seem to have been guided entirely by the results of the experiments of the iron men, who necessarily made the largest quantity of it. Some authors speak in a doubtful way of the quality of the charcoal produced, and a few concede that with great care good charcoal can be made in kilns, but that most of the workmen do not like kiln charcoal. This is the real secret of the opposition to this method of manufacture.

Until recently the manufacturers of charcoal iron have considered meiler or pit coal superior to kiln-made coal, but the manufacture of this latter kind of coal has been so much

and the quality becomes poor. In the desire to have but few structures to take care of, and to have the largest possible furnace capacity with the least expense, the kilns have been made too large. Experience has shown, however, that it is more economical to use kilns of small capacity, and that the increase in the cost of the structures is more than compensated for by the increase in the quality of the product; while with large kilns the diminished cost of the plant is dearly purchased at the expense of a diminished yield of coal, and by the relatively poor quality of the product.

There seems to be no doubt that, given the peculiar conditions necessary for the construction of permanent works, the charcoal manufactured in kilns is cleaner, since it is free from the sand of the cover of the meiler, and is also denser if the process is conducted slowly. The yield is at least from 15 to 20 per cent. more, and the expense is at least one third less. In addition to this, as the meilers are at a distance, there is a loss of charcoal in transportation amounting to 10 to 15 per cent., so that the total gain in kiln manufacture is from 25 to 30 per

in the blast furnace. To be worked at all they must be crushed and dressed, and it is only practicable to treat the fine ore thus produced in a bloomery with charcoal. In such districts the kiln has a peculiar importance, as it gives a charcoal free from dirt, a very important consideration, as the whole object of dressing the ores is to get rid of the silica, and if dirt were introduced in the fuel the loss of iron would not only be increased, but the benefit derived from dressing the ores very much diminished.

Kilns for the manufacture of charcoal are made of almost any shape and size, determined, in most cases, by the fancy of the builder, or by the necessities of the shape of the ground selected. They do not differ from each other in any principle of manu-

also added, is used. As the principal office of this mortar is to fill the joints, special care must be taken in laying the bricks that every joint is broken, and frequent headers put in to tie the bricks together. It is especially necessary that all the joints should be carefully filled, as any small open spaces would admit air, and would materially decrease the yield of the kiln. The floor of the kiln was formerly made of two rows of brick set edgewise and carefully laid, but latterly it is found to be best made of clay; any material, however, that will pack hard may be used. It must be well beaten down with paving mauls. The center must be about 6 inches higher than the sides, which are brought up to the bottom of the lower vents. Most kilns are carefully pointed, and are then painted on the outside with a wash of clay suspended in water, and covered with a coating of coal tar, which makes them waterproof, and does not require to be renewed for several years.

The wood used is cut about 4 feet long. The diameter is not considered of much importance, except in so far as it is desirable to have it as nearly uniform

been used and give as good a yield, but they are much more cumbersome to manage. The largest yield got from kilns is from 50 to 60 bushels for hard wood to 50 for soft wood. The average yield, however, is about 45 bushels. In meilers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 cords of wood are required for 100 bushels, or 30 to 40 bushels to the cord. The kiln charcoal is very large, so that the loss in fine coal is very much diminished. The pieces usually come out the whole size, and sometimes the whole length of the wood.

**Rectangular Kilns.**—The rectangular kilns were those which were formerly exclusively in use. They are generally constructed to contain from 30 to 90 cords of wood. The usual sizes are given in the table below:

	I	II	III	IV
Length .....	50	40	40	48
Width .....	12	15	14	17
Height .....	12	15	15	15
Capacity in cords .....	55	70	75	93

I and II, used in New England; III, type of those used in Mexico; IV, kiln at Lautois, Mich.

The arch is usually an arc of a circle.

A kiln of the size of No. IV, as constructed at the Michigan Central Iron Works, with a good burn will yield 4000 bushels of charcoal.

The vertical walls in the best constructions are 12 to 13 feet high and one and a

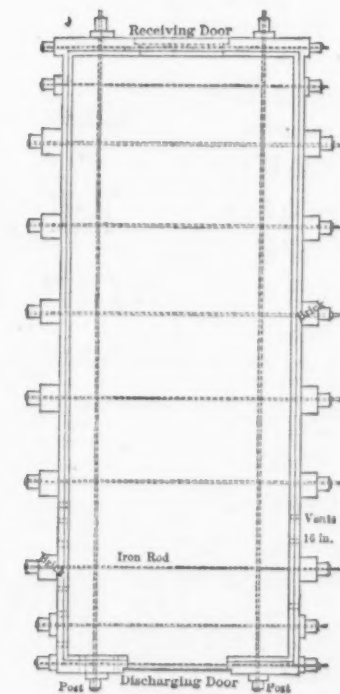
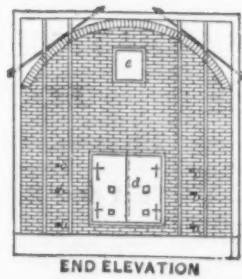
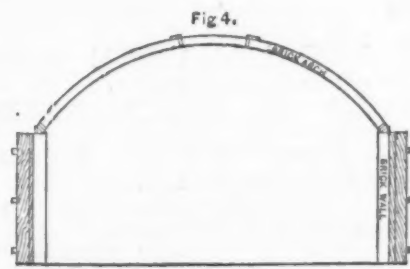
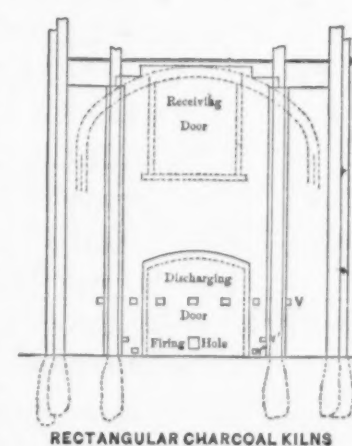
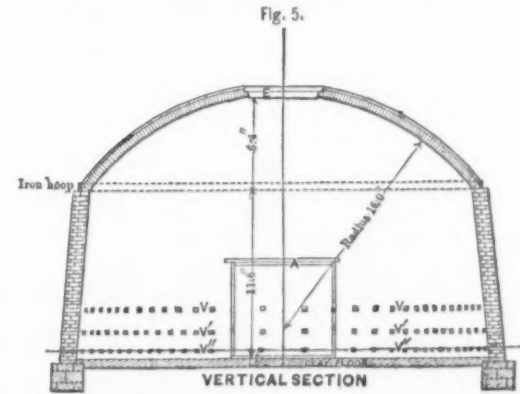


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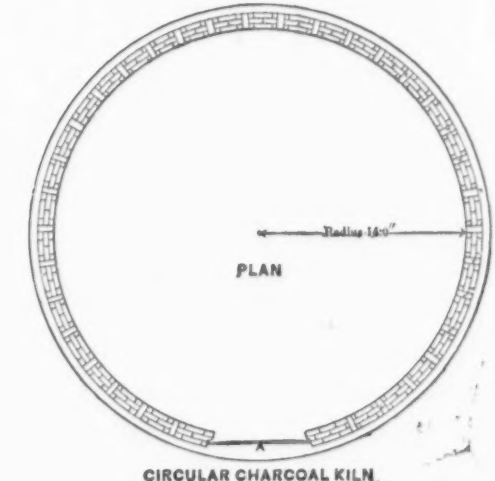
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improved of late years that it is sometimes difficult for the advocates of meiler coal to distinguish the difference between the two. Occasionally the question of the sale of the accessory products was a factor. It is generally agreed that kilns give a better yield than meilers, but it is objected that the charcoal is not so strong for blast furnace use. For other uses there does not seem to have been much question.

The question of pit or kiln coal was formerly settled by the cost of transportation. When transportation was low, kilns were used, the advantage of output being greatly in their favor, since the kiln can be burned slow or fast to make the coal of requisite density. The yield of charcoal is also greater in the kiln than in the meiler, it being from 45 to 50 bushels to the cord in the kiln, and from 30 to 35 in the meiler. The amount of labor in using the kiln is also less. To counterbalance the increase in yield, the decrease in labor, the security against accident, and the celerity of the operation, the cost of transportation will have to be high.

Besides this, the kiln is always under complete control, and can be examined by the burner at any time, and the exact condition of every part of it can be ascertained at every step in the process. As there is only an approximate knowledge and control of the meiler, the kiln should give the best product. The possibility of a large output is, however, the *ignis fatuus* of modern metallurgy. The kilns are "turned" so often that the charcoal is burned too rapidly,

cent. If the process was conducted as slowly, there is little doubt that the kiln coal would be equal, if not superior, to the meiler coal.

The only valid objection to kilns is their permanent character. In order to avoid the great cost of transporting all the wood, these works must generally be situated in a country where there are streams or lakes which can be utilized for rafting or floating, or where the cost of carriage is very low, as the cost of transportation must be borne by only a small part of the material transported. But, as we have said, there are very few localities suitable for metallurgical manufactures where the interest and sinking fund on the permanent investment and the cost of transportation, will overbalance the diminished cost of manufacture and the increase in the yield.

Charcoal has been studied almost exclusively in view of the manufacture of iron in the blast furnace. It is generally conceded now that it will not be much longer used on a large scale for that purpose. Less attention is, therefore, now paid to it than its merits as a furnace fuel warrant. There are districts where no other fuel can be had, and there are processes in which it must be used so long as they exist. For making blooms direct from the ore kiln charcoal is almost universally used. As between hard and soft woods the impression among the workmen seems to be that the quality of the iron made with soft wood is better than that made with hard wood, but the consumption of the softer fuel is greater. There are besides some ores of iron of exceptional purity, but so lean that they can hardly be worked

facture, nor does there seem to be any appreciable difference in the quality of the fuel they produce, when the process is conducted with equal care in the different varieties; but there is a considerable difference in the yield and in the cost of the process in favor of small over large kilns. The different varieties have come into and gone out of use mainly on account of the cost of construction and of repairs. The object of a kiln is to replace the cover of a meiler by a permanent structure. Intermediate between the meiler and the kiln is the *fo-cauld* system, the object of which is to replace the cover by a structure, more or less permanent, which has all the disadvantages of both systems, with no advantages peculiar to itself.

The kilns which are used may be divided into the rectangular, the round and the conical, but the first two seem to be disappearing before the last, which is as readily built and much more easily managed.

All varieties of kilns are usually built of red brick, or, rarely, of brick and stone together. Occasionally refractory brick is used, but it is not necessary. The foundations are usually made of stone. There are several precautions necessary in constructing the walls. The brick should be sufficiently hard to resist the fire, and should, therefore, be tested before using. It is an unnecessary expense to use either second or third quality fire-brick. As the pyrolytic acid which results from the distillation of the wood attacks lime mortar, it is best to lay up the brick with fire-clay mortar, to which a little salt has been added; sometimes loam mixed with coal tar, to which a little salt is

as possible. When most of the wood is small, and only a small part of it is large, the large pieces are usually split, to make it pack well.

It has been found most satisfactory to have three rows of vents around the kiln, which should be provided with a cast-iron frame reaching to the inside of the furnace. The vents near the ground are generally 5 inches high, the size of two bricks, and 4 inches wide, the width of one, and the holes are closed by inserting one or two bricks in them. They are usually the size of one brick, and larger on the outside than on the inside. The holes are usually from 17 to 23 inches apart vertically, and from 31 to 35 inches apart horizontally. The lower vents start on the second row of brickwork above the foundation, and are placed on the level with the floor, so that the fire can draw to the bottom. There is sometimes an additional opening near the top to allow of the rapid escape of the smoke and gas at the time of firing, which is then closed and kept closed until the kiln is discharged. This applies mostly to the best types of conical kilns. In the circular and conical ones the top charging door is sometimes used for this purpose. Hard and soft woods are burned indifferently in the kilns. Hard-wood coal weighs more than soft, and the hard variety of charcoal is usually preferred for blast furnaces, and for such purposes there is an advantage of fully 33 1/3 per cent. or even more in using hard woods. For the direct process in the bloomeries soft-wood charcoal is preferred. It is found that it is not usually advantageous to build kilns of over 160 to 180 cubic meters in capacity. Larger furnaces have

half brick thick, containing from 20 to 22 brick to the cubic foot of wall. To insure sufficient strength to resist the expansion and contraction due to the heating and cooling, they should be provided with buttresses, which are one brick thick and two wide, as at Wassau, N. Y., Fig. 3; but many of them are built without them, as at Lautois, Mich., Fig. 1. In both cases they are supported with strong braces, from 3 to 4 feet apart, made of round or hewn wood, or of cast iron, which are buried in the ground below, and are tied above and below with iron rods, as in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the lower end passing beneath the floor of the kiln. When made of wood they are usually 8 inches square or round, or sometimes 4 by 8 placed edgewise. They are sometimes tied at the top with wooden braces of the same size, which are securely fastened by iron rods running through the corners, as in Fig. 1. When a number of kilns are built together, as at Michigan Central Iron Works, at Lautois, Mich., only the end kilns are braced in this way. The intermediate ones are supported below by wooden braces, securely fastened at the bottom. The roof is always arched, is one brick (or 8 inches) thick, and is laid in headers, 14 being used in each superficial foot. Many of the kilns have in the center a round hole from 16 to 18 inches in diameter, which is closed by a cast iron plate. It requires from 35,000 to 40,000 brick for a kiln of 45 cords, and 60,000 to 65,000 for one of 90 cords. At one end are two doors—one above and one below (Fig. 1), both of which are used for the introduction of the wood; at other times there is only the lower

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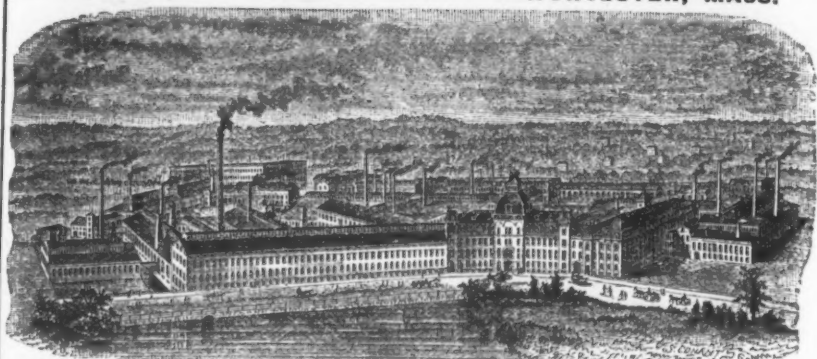
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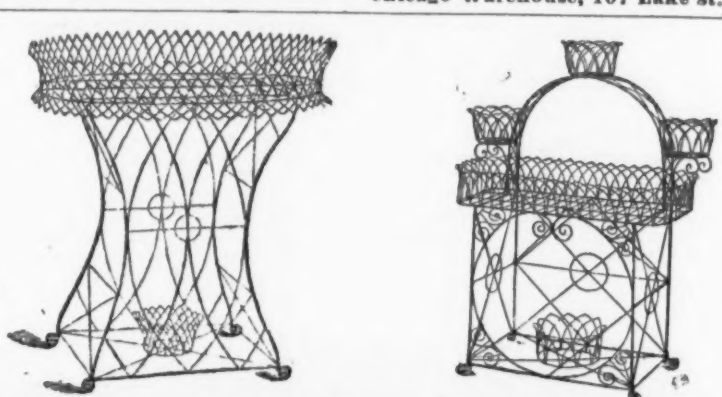
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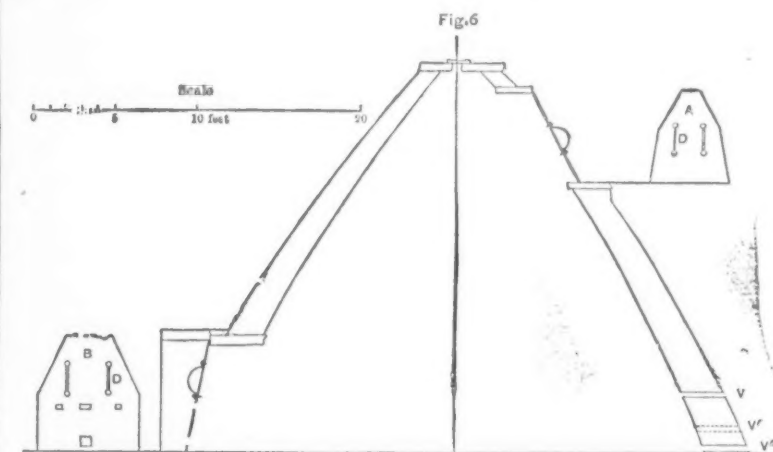
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one. The discharge of the charcoal is made  
by the lower doors only.

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way the bracing is done. When wood only  
is used, as in Fig. 1, there is only one, but  
when brick buttresses are used, generally  
three. They are almost always placed one  
directly over the other. To each of these a  
name is given. The lower one, Fig. 1, is  
called the foot vent, the middle one the knee  
vent, and the upper one the shoulder vent.  
On the ends of the kiln the vents are placed  
less regularly than on the sides. Sometimes  
there is only one row, one above the other,  
as in Figs. 1 and 2, sometimes one row not  
in line, as in Fig. 3, and sometimes there  
are more. From three to four vent holes

The whole art of the process consists in  
closing the vent holes at the proper time.  
As soon as the kiln is well lighted the two  
lower rows are closed. The vents of the  
upper row are closed little by little. Those  
of the middle in the upper row are usually  
closed first; then those from which the blue  
smoke comes in their turn. When the vents  
of the first row are being closed those of the  
middle are opened, and so on. One man by  
day and one by night can easily superintend  
five to six such kilns. He has little to do  
except to draw the fire regularly down, to  
watch the color of the smoke, so as to close  
the vents at the proper time, and to fill any  
cracks that may form. It is always safer  
to allow the kiln to remain a longer than a



are usually made in the lower doors. These  
openings are usually of a size to admit a  
single brick. They are placed on the level  
of the ground and up to a height of one and  
two feet.

The lighting of a kiln is sometimes done by  
a chimney left in the wood in the center  
from above, exactly as in the meller, the fire  
being drawn down by the openings in the  
sides; this chimney may or may not connect  
with a channel leading to the discharging  
door. This method is used in the South and  
Southwest of the United States, and is prac-  
ticed in Mexico, and is preferred when the

shorter time to cool. If the kiln is properly  
extinguished four men can easily empty it  
in one day. On the floor there will usually  
be found some badly burned wood; these  
brands are either put back in the next  
charge or used for special purposes about  
the works. If occasion required, they might  
be used mixed in small quantities with the  
charcoal.

Mr. T. F. Witherbee gives the following  
table as the weights of the charcoal made by  
him in rectangular kilns at the Fletcher-  
ville furnace:

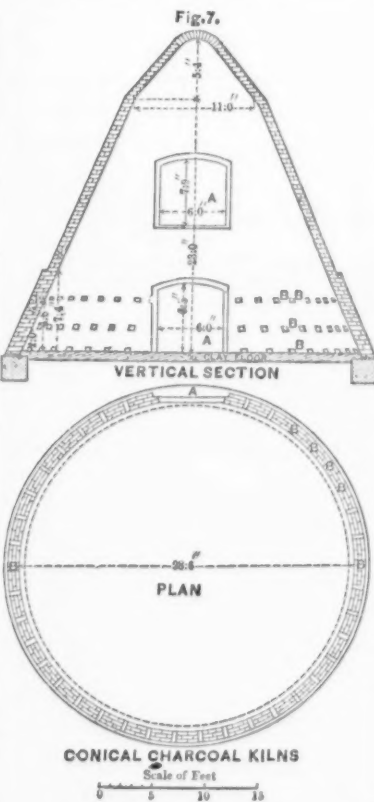
	Lbs. per bushel.
White pine.....	9.500
Basswood.....	10.625
Spruce.....	11.250
Poplar.....	12.075
Hemlock.....	12.500
Black ash.....	14.475
White ash.....	16.325
Beech.....	17.250
Yellow birch.....	18.750
Sugar maple.....	18.450

**Round Kilns.**—The round kilns, Figs. 4  
and 5, differ from the rectangular ones only  
by their shape. Fig. 4 shows the form  
usually employed among the bloomery forges  
of Northern New York; Fig. 5 is that em-  
ployed for blast furnaces fuel in Vermont;  
Fig. 4 is built with vertical walls and is  
braced with wooden posts and iron straps.  
Such kilns can be seen near Roger's Rock,  
on Lake George, and at Black Brooke, Essex  
County, N. Y.; Fig. 5 is built with battered  
walls, which are 28 feet at the base and 26  
feet at the spring of the arch, and has no  
bracing. In all other respects the kilns are  
similar. The arches of both these kilns are  
supported by iron rings at their base. They  
have three rows of vents, one at the base,  
with six courses of brick between each of  
the others. These vents are 2 x 4 inches  
and 18 inches apart. They are usually 28 to  
30 feet in diameter at the base, and 26 to 28  
feet at the spring of the arch. The arch is 8  
inches thick and is laid in headers. Such a  
kiln will have about 300 cast-iron vents,  
which weigh about 8 pounds each. Thus a  
capacity of from 40 to 45 cords requires  
more precautions in building when the walls  
are not battered, and besides the usual  
braces, must be hooped with strong iron  
bands. The doors are made of No. 10 sheet  
iron. The top opening is a cast-iron ring,  
which together with the lintel of the door  
weighs about 1500 pounds. The wrought-  
iron bands around the kiln weigh about the  
same. They require about 36,000 brick.  
These kilns are usually built against a tank,  
so that the top can be reached from it.

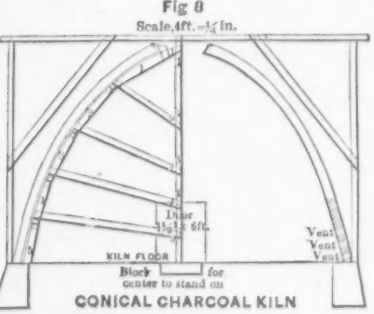
With ordinary facilities it takes four or  
five men one day to fill a 45-cord kiln with  
wood 4 feet long. Where butt ends of logs  
are used it takes 12 hours to fill a 35-cord  
kiln; but these can be tumbled in, and do  
not require much handling. The kiln is fired  
with a long torch through the door at the  
bottom, through the space left at the skids.  
At the time of firing the vents are all open,  
but as soon as the lighting is finished the  
two lower rows, as well as all the other open-  
ings, are closed with loose brick. It takes  
about 10 to 12 days to burn a 50-cord kiln,  
and about 6 to 7 to burn a 35-cord one.

It takes from 5 to 6 days after all the  
vents have been closed to cool a kiln of from  
35 to 50 cords. The covers of the doors are  
of sheet iron, and so long as there is any  
heat in the kiln it will be felt on these doors.  
As soon as these are cold the kiln is cool  
enough to draw. It is generally the practice  
to let the fire die out. It is not usual to  
hasten the cooling by throwing in water, as  
it impairs the value of the charcoal for blast  
furnace use. When used for other purposes,  
however, from 8 to 10 barrels of water are  
sometimes thrown in at the top after the  
kiln has been closed for three days. It will  
take four men about a day to draw a kiln of  
50 cords.

The chief objection to the rectangular  
and round kilns is their want of stability.  
The rectangular kilns require to be braced  
with wood and iron, while the circular kilns,  
which offer no advantages over the rectan-  
gular, must in addition be hooped with iron.  
This makes this kind of structure expensive  
in the first place. The less expensive struc-  
ture, Fig. 5, does not last much longer. The  
contraction and expansion which the bracing  
is intended to prevent does take place, and  
after a time there will be numberless air-  
channels in the shape of cracks in the walls,  
which cannot be effectively closed, which  
will both increase the difficulty of manage-  
ment and decrease the yield in charcoal.  
Kilns of this shape are being rapidly given  
up. It has been found much more econom-  
ical to construct and to manage small conical



kilns are very wide. It is considered by  
many to give the best results, both as to  
yield and quality of charcoal. Sometimes  
the lighting is done by means of a channel  
built through the middle of the kiln, having  
an opening at each door. This is also filled  
with dry wood and shavings, which are lit  
from the back door. The fire is then drawn  
through the wood to the front door by prop-  
erly manipulating the vents. When the fire  
has reached the front both doors are closed,  
as the whole kiln is then lighted. This  
method is called the center burn. In both



these last methods, as the fire is generated  
in the wood, the heat does not affect the  
walls of the kiln. The time required for  
these methods is not more than half that of  
the first method. A 65-cord kiln can be  
easily turned twice in four weeks, which is  
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only 18 turns a year are made. The opera-  
tion is easily and regularly conducted pro-  
viding the walls are tight. The clear blue  
smoke appears about the fourth, fifth or  
sixth day, when the vents must be succes-  
sively closed. Four to eight days are re-  
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kilns than large round ones, and these conical  
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smaller than either of the other varieties.  
They are usually from 20 to 25 feet  
high, and from 25 to 30 feet in diameter,  
and are intended for 25 to 45 cords of wood.  
They are constructed in such a way as to  
require no bracing of any kind. They are  
often built into the side of a bank, a part of  
the earth of which is removed so as to make  
a charging door near the top on a level with  
the ground; or they may be built on a plain,  
in which case there is no upper door, but  
only a charging hole in the top, which is  
reached by a ladder in order to close it.

The usual dimensions of these kilns are:  
Diameter at Base, Height, Capac.  
Feet. Feet. Cords.  
American Fork Cañon, Utah... 26 20 25  
Norton's Iron Works, Platts-  
burg, N. Y. .... 30 20 35  
Wassaic, N. Y. .... 30 23 40  
Readsboro', Vermont... 28.6 28 45

There are three types of this kind of kiln,  
shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. 1. That at Reads-  
boro', Fig. 7, in which the top of the cone is  
at a different angle from the bottom; there  
are two doors of the same size for charging.  
2. That at Wassaic, Dutchess County, N. Y.,  
Fig. 6, in which the cone has but one angle;  
there are two charging doors of slightly  
different size, and a hole in the top of the  
kiln to be used in firing. 3. That at Platts-  
burg, No. 8, in which the conical form is the  
same throughout; there are two charging  
doors, one below and the other in the top of  
the kiln. This last form is, on the whole,  
the best of all, being the simplest in con-  
struction and easiest to manage.

At Norton's Iron Works, near Plattsburg,  
N. Y., Fig. 8, the wall is built with a batter  
of 3 inches to the foot up to 6 feet. At this  
point, the height of the kiln being determined  
as 20 feet, a perpendicular is raised, and  
somewhere on this line a center is found  
from which an arc of a circle will meet the  
flange of the charging hole at the top, which  
is made of a cast-iron ring 4 feet in diameter  
and 8 inches deep, projecting 6 inches over  
the top. This makes the wall a little thin-  
ner at the top than the bottom. The flange  
of the ring is normal to the curve of the  
masonry, which is generally built of red  
brick (Fig. 8 shows the way this kiln is con-  
structed). Sometimes the kilns are made of  
stone, which need only be strong enough to  
resist the low heat of the operation. Con-  
structed in this way the kiln requires no  
braces of any kind.

It takes 33,000 brick to construct the  
Plattsburg kiln, and about 40,000 brick to  
build the one at Readsboro'. The floor of the  
kiln is very nearly level, and on the sides  
comes up to the bottom of the lower tier of  
vents. The kiln has three rows of vent  
holes, which usually commence on the level  
ground. They start on the second row of  
brickwork above the foundations; the floor  
or hearth is brought up to this level. These  
vents are from 2 feet 6 inches to 3 feet from  
center to center. In some kilns the vents  
are arranged in quincunx, so that the upper  
and lower rows have 24 vents—the middle  
one 26. In others they are one over the  
other—sometimes as many as 40—and the  
same number in each row. In most kilns  
these openings are at equal distances apart,  
which is usually 18 to 20 inches.

It is always wise to use cast-iron vents. If  
no protection to the brick is used, the pyro-  
igneous acid attacks the mortar, which  
falls first around the brick and then above  
it, and in this way cracks of considerable  
size may be formed in the mortar around  
the bricks, which it is almost impossible to  
fill. The additional cost of the cast-iron  
vent hole is about \$75 to the kiln, but it will  
save more than this in the cost of repairs in  
a few years. The cast iron effectively pre-  
vents the action of the pyroigneous acid on  
the mortar. In the best kilns there are  
three to four bricks between each vent.

Each kiln is usually constructed to hold 35  
cords of wood, solid measure. This is in-  
tended to yield 1750 bushels, which is 50  
bushels to the cord. Either soft or hard  
wood can be burned; the former is gener-  
ally used in the manufacture of blooms, and  
is preferred by many workmen.

At the Norton Iron Works, at Plattsburg,  
N. Y., the charcoal for the blast furnace  
and for knobling fires is made of slabs, butt  
ends of logs and flood-wood. This is  
brought to the kiln in a hand cart that  
holds about half a cord. The bottom of the  
kiln is prepared as usual. Butt ends of logs  
are then piled just above the top vents.  
Slabs are then put in up to 6 feet; then  
flood-wood about 4 feet long is placed, until  
it is no longer convenient to handle it; the  
filling is then finished with blocks or butt  
ends of logs.

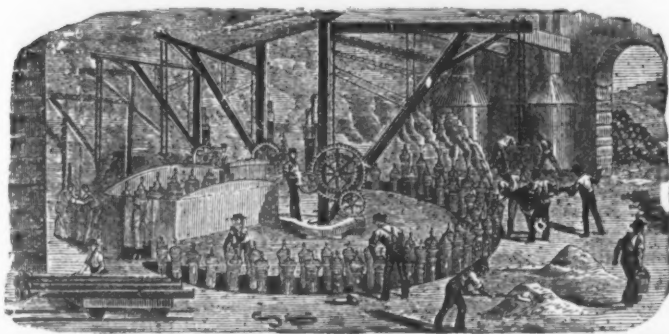
The yield of the kilns at Norton's works  
is often as high as 60 bushels per cord for  
hard, and 50 for soft wood. The average is  
about 50 bushels. It takes four men and  
two horses one day to fill the kiln. One  
man is required in the kiln, and three to  
draw. Two men can empty it in a day.  
The coal at Norton's works is carried from  
the kiln to a shed, only about 30 to 40 feet  
distant, which is 40 feet deep, having a  
peaked roof. The building is 275 feet long.  
There are 13 kilns here, and four at 12 miles  
distant, built of firestone, which hold 50  
cords each. It requires eight men for the  
13 kilns. These 13 kilns can make 22 turns  
a year. Working so fast makes it difficult  
to burn the charcoal thoroughly, so that  
they usually run only 18 kilns a year. It  
requires 13 days to fill, burn and empty a  
35-cord kiln. It takes one day to fill and  
one to empty it.

It seems to be very generally conceded in  
the Eastern States that the conical kilns  
holding from 25 to 35 cords are the most  
profitable. They are less expensive in con-  
struction, more easily filled, cheaper to  
manage, give a better yield, and can be  
turned more frequently than any of the  
other varieties of kilns. At Plattsburg, in  
1879, it cost \$7.50; on Lake George, \$7,  
and in a few localities in Vermont \$6 per  
1000 bushels to fill, burn and empty; the  
average will be from six to seven cents.  
The per cent. of brands in a well-burned  
kiln will be from one cord in 17.5 cords to  
one in 18.5. It takes for a 50 cord kiln 12  
days, for a 35 cord kiln nine days. The  
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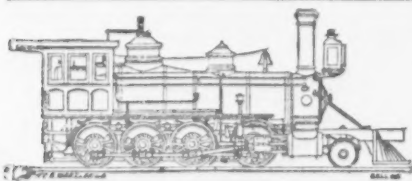
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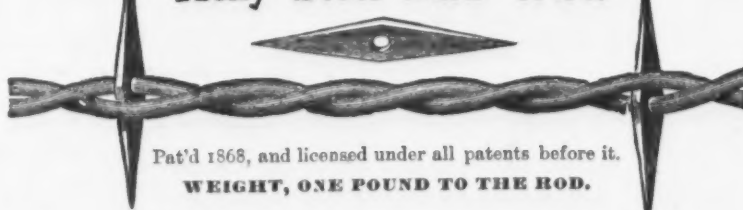
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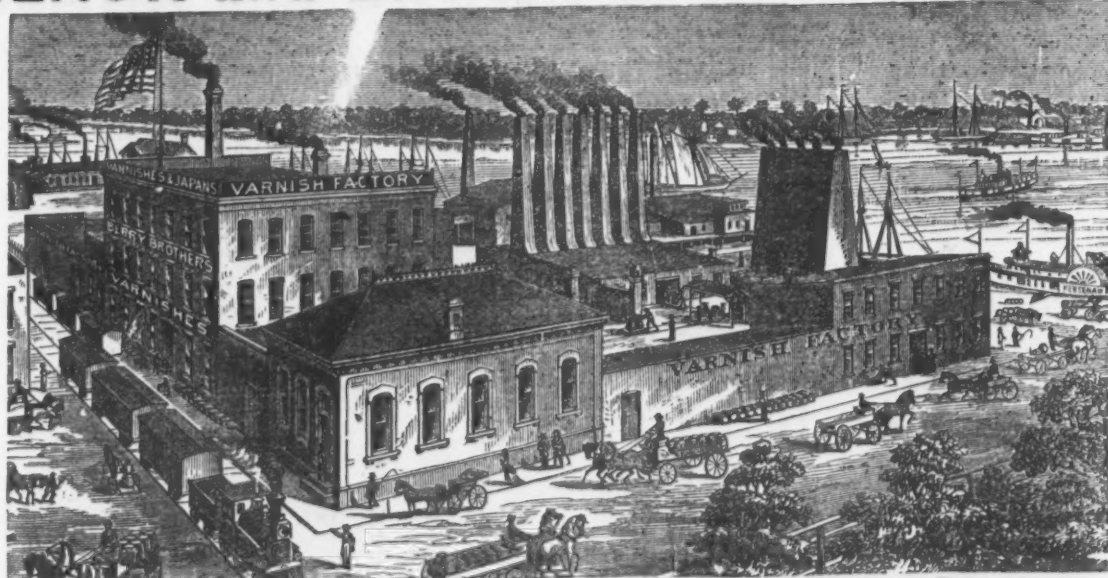
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35-cord kiln at Plattsburg, but the whole  
work is often done by men with wood  
barrows. The cost of these kilns will vary  
with the locality, depending on the local  
cost of the materials used. It will cost  
about \$500 to build a conical kiln of from 35  
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anything in the shape of wood is made into  
charcoal by it, and while it is not generally  
advisable to use drift and refuse woods in  
current manufactures, it can be done if  
necessary. Such kilns as this can be built  
by almost any man. They are much easier  
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**Modern Steel as a Structural  
Material.**

M. W. Worby Beaumont read a paper  
before a recent meeting of the So-  
ciety of Engineers, which contains much  
that deserves careful consideration. Mr.  
Beaumont's argument that we seem in  
danger of losing the facilities for producing  
lighter structures, which the application of  
steel seemed at one time to warrant, is a  
sound one so far as it goes. He seems,  
however, to forget that "steel" is a mis-  
nomer for many of the products of modern  
metallurgical processes, which differ from  
iron only in that they possess properties  
due to their having been produced by fusion  
instead of agglomeration. With this in  
mind, Mr. Beaumont's paper, which we give  
below, will be read with interest.

For several years the substitution of steel for  
iron in various structural work has occupied  
the attention of engineers and metallurgists,  
but the progress which has been made, com-  
pared with the hopes that were entertained  
when steel made by the Bessemer process  
became cheap enough to make its cost,  
strength for strength, comparable with that  
of iron, has not been great. There are  
classes of structures in which a reduction in  
weight would be a material advantage,  
even when attended with an increased total  
cost. Ships, boilers and girders may be in-  
stanced as examples. In this direction,  
therefore, engineers turned their attention,  
with a view to the application of steel. The  
difficulties, however, which attended the  
manipulation and connection of steel in  
structures largely composed of plates checked  
its application. Many failures attended the  
attempts to use it, chiefly resulting from  
apparently anomalous behavior of the metal  
under what were considered similar con-  
ditions, but more, perhaps, owing to the special  
treatment which it required as compared  
with iron. Those who had been long accus-  
tomed to the manipulation of iron were un-  
able to depart from past practice sufficiently  
to operate upon the new material with all  
the careful attention to its different prop-  
erties which these demanded. Thus, although  
the difference in its behavior in the hands of  
the smith and plate worker, as compared with  
iron, was considered in several of the details  
of manipulation, certain other peculiarities  
were lost sight of in the assemblage of parts,  
which resulted in the destruction of work  
when almost completed. Even 20 years ago,  
before the modern cheap steels had been  
offered, steel made by the crucible process  
had been successfully employed on a small  
scale for boiler work. Very careful atten-  
tion to the behavior of steel under treatment  
had no doubt been observed, as it might  
easily be on a small scale; but when, some  
years after, attempts were made to use Bes-  
semer steel for boiler and bridge work, dif-  
ficulties arose, some of which were attributed  
to the nature of the material and some to  
the want of thorough care on the part of the  
workmen. Even when plates of this ma-  
terial cost more than iron for boiler con-  
struction, and very much more than iron for  
bridge and girder work, attempts were made  
to use it for the latter on account of the  
several advantages which would arise from  
a decrease in the permanent load of bridge  
structures. Failures, however, of parts of  
these structures, both before and after com-  
pletion, due to the want of the observance  
of the special treatment which the material  
demanded, discouraged its employment. The  
endeavors of steel makers during the past  
few years have, therefore, been directed to  
the production of steel possessing properties  
so far similar to wrought iron that no great  
departure from the methods of working this  
material need be made. Apart from the  
frequent want of uniformity in the mechan-  
ical properties of the Bessemer steel plates  
of a few years ago, it generally exhibited an  
absence of toughness, which not only made  
it difficult of manipulation in the hands of  
the plate smith, but caused its destruction  
after being built into a structure. Its un-  
compromising rigidity rendered it incapable  
of accommodating itself to, and gradually  
eliminating from, itself, the residual strains  
originating in unequal heating and cooling,  
and also to the unequal strains visited upon  
it by other parts of a structure, of which it  
was made to form a part, either by riveting  
or other modes of connection. It was not  
that the steel did not appear to possess the  
qualities when tested in the testing machine,  
but its behavior was apparently different  
when employed in full size pieces or plates,  
from that exhibited when tested in small  
pieces in the machine. This difference indi-  
cated that there were differential internal  
molecular strains in the whole plate, which  
were eliminated when the same plate was  
cut into strips. This elimination, it was  
considered, could not take place in the whole  
plate on account of the harshness of its  
material. Annealing was resorted to, but  
only with partial success, the complex nature  
of the strains in a plate of the material,  
even when cooled slowly, being sufficient,  
when aggravated by extraneous strains, to  
cause its rupture.

The necessity of imparting to steel plates  
the toughness characteristic of good wrought  
iron has thus induced steel manufacturers to

devote their attention to the production of  
steel possessing great ductility. It is on this  
point that much might be said, because in  
the search for toughness the advantages  
which the employment of steel in some  
structures seemed at one time to promise,  
are being almost lost sight of. Not only are  
these advantages likely to be lost, but the  
great ductility being imparted to soft steels  
and ingot iron in search for this necessary  
toughness seems likely to give us a material  
inferior in some essential qualities to much  
of the wrought iron hitherto in use. Tough-  
ness in plates has not been obtained, but in-  
stead thereof great ductility attended with  
low elastic strength.

It may be premised that the structural  
value of a metal will be proportionate to the  
degree in which it combines high ultimate  
strength with high elastic limit and wide  
range of elastic and ductile extension, or in  
proportion to the relation in which it com-  
bines toughness with strength. Thus a metal  
which possesses high ultimate strength and  
high elastic limit, with small ranges of  
extension, will not have great structural  
value, as it will not be capable of withstand-  
ing impact strains. Again, a metal possess-  
ing high ultimate strength with low elastic  
limit will have small value for structural  
purposes, as, though high ultimate strength  
is an essential property, the limit of elas-  
ticity determines in almost all cases the sec-  
tional area, and, therefore, weight of metal  
required for a given duty. A high elastic  
limit, with considerable elastic extension,  
must be obtained, combined with great  
toughness beyond that limit, or, in other  
words, a high elastic limit must be attended  
by a considerable range of extension both  
within and beyond that limit, combined with  
high ultimate strength.

About a dozen years ago Bessemer metal  
was offered for bridge and ship construction  
which in the testing machine showed an  
ultimate tensile strength of from 34 to 40  
tons per square inch; an elastic limit from  
20 to 23 tons, and a range of ductile exten-  
sion of from 10 to 15 per cent., while the  
tests of plates considered suitable for the  
shells or barrels of boilers showed figures  
not much lower than these. The failures  
which occasionally attend the application of  
this steel, however, discouraged the exten-  
sion of its application by engineers, who  
hoped that greater uniformity in the me-  
chanical properties of the metal would grad-  
ually be obtained by the steel makers. A  
steel of somewhat lower tenacity and greater  
ductility, attended by great uniformity in  
composition and behavior, was then pro-  
duced, and this indicated that steel makers  
and engineers must look to steel of milder  
character for the removal of the difficulties  
which had attended the structural applica-  
tion of cheap steels—that is, steels not pro-  
duced by the crucible. The result of this  
was that engineers specifying steel for, say,  
bridge work, stipulated that it should not  
possess more than a certain maximum ten-  
acity, a reversal of the stipulation that had  
always and does obtain with respect to iron.  
As a further result of this, and to insure  
that the harder steels of comparatively high  
tenacity, but less uncertain character, should  
not be used in the construction of bridges,  
the Board of Trade regulations upon the  
subject limited the tensile strain on any part  
of a structure to 7 tons per square inch.  
This has led to the endeavor on the part of  
all steel makers to produce the very mild  
soft steels now largely used, some of which  
afford the engineer no help toward produc-  
ing the lighter structures which a dozen  
years ago it was promised that steel would  
give them. Boiler shells must be made  
nearly or quite as thick as if they were con-  
structed of iron.

As an instance in illustration, reference  
may be made to the results of a series of ex-  
periments made on iron and mild steel, in  
order to determine their respective values  
for high pressure boiler construction, and de-  
scribed by Mr. David Greig and Mr. Max  
Eyth in a paper read before the Institution  
of Mechanical Engineers, in June, 1879.  
Among other experiments, the mechanical  
properties of mild steel and Yorkshire plates  
under tensile strain were determined. The  
plates—both iron and steel—were obtained  
from Messrs. John Brown & Co. and Messrs.  
Cammell & Co. In the paper referred to  
the mean tensile strength, elastic limit and  
extension are given as follows:

	Ultimate strength.	Elastic limit.	Extension per cent.
Iron plates.....	22.27	16.06	36.2
Steel plates.....	25.80	16.74	28.3

The extension given is in a length of 6  
inches. If all reference to the secondary  
elastic limit, which may be induced by re-  
peated application of strain up to and  
slightly exceeding the elastic limit of each  
preceding test, be omitted, it will be seen  
that the so-called steels, to which the above  
figures relate, present scarcely any struc-  
tural advantage over iron. The elastic limit  
is nearly the same, and though its ultimate  
strength is greater than that of iron, its  
ductility, as shown by its range of exten-  
sion, renders its greater ultimate strength of little  
value, for very long before it can be strained  
to that limit in any structure, it stretches so  
much that the accumulation of strain is pre-  
vented, and this may be shown to take place  
in bridge as well as boiler structures.

If we turn now to the result of tests, made  
by Mr. Kirkaldy, of Siemens' mild steel, we  
find that the mean results for plates of from  
0.37 to 0.70 in thickness, annealed and un-  
annealed, are as follows:

	Ultimate strength.	Elastic limit.	Extension per cent.
Unannealed.....	31.02	14.50	23.4
Annealed.....	28.84	12.84	24.6

From these figures it will be seen that  
though this material (like that used at  
Messrs. Fowler's works) may be very safe,  
it presents little structural advantage over  
iron plates, the limit of elasticity being low,  
permanent set taking place at as low as  
12.84 tons per square inch when the plates  
are annealed. It is, however, observable  
that though the extension of this metal  
reaches a total of 24.6 per cent, it is less than  
11 per cent. annealed, and under 7 per cent.  
unannealed at a strain of 26.73 tons, thus  
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probably greater value as a structural ma-  
terial than that tested by Messrs. Greig and  
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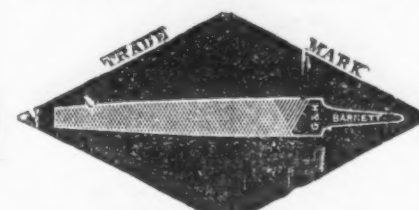
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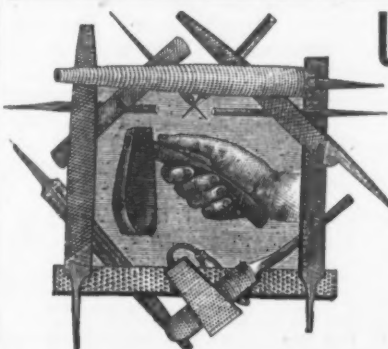
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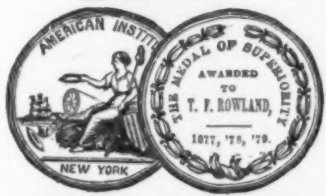
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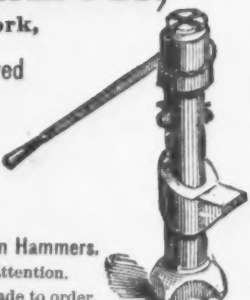
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the engineer even less of hope that the modern steel for structural purposes will enable him to produce lighter structures than he can do with iron. It would even appear that greater hope of obtaining a material of high structural value is to be found in iron, for it was recently stated at a meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute by a member that he had been experimenting with puddled iron, the elastic limit of which ranged from 19 to 21 tons, while its ultimate strength was 29 tons, and its elongation between these strains was 23 per cent. at a length of 8 inches. The elongation within the elastic limit was not mentioned. Unless a higher elastic limit can be obtained no advantage in a structural sense is secured. High ultimate strength is a comparatively useless quality if the elastic limit is low, and great range of extension is also of no service. In bridge work a very high range of extension is useless, because the members under tension would elongate if strained beyond the elastic limit, to a greater extent than the members under compression would compress, and thus the structure would fail by the destruction of the balance in the disposition of the strains on the different parts. Even if the material showed a range of compression equal to its range of extension, this would remain equally true, because, in order to secure the necessary resistance to bending or buckling, members under compression must be of greater sectional area than is indicated by the static strain. Thus a higher elastic limit is the first essential in steel for structural purposes. This, it appears, can only be obtained by making the steel harder, which, by the Bessemer process at least, if not by other largely used processes, it seems cannot be secured without other attendant qualities or properties which make the material difficult to work, and more or less uncertain in its behavior under mechanical treatment. Whether this is really now so, or must continue so, it remains for the steel makers to show, but it does at least seem plain that, even with some of the so-called mild steels, a little misgiving is pardonable on the part of the boiler maker, who wonders what he may find in a boiler shop to-morrow where he has left a nearly or quite finished boiler to-night. Not only, moreover, is this mild steel way of getting over the difficulties attending the use of the strong steels likely to rob engineers of much that the latter material promised, but by the still existing custom of denominating what is really iron by the term steel, we are likely to lose the advantages gained by using the harder steels where that has been possible, for already a good deal of so-called steel, in which there is not much more carbon than there is in a Lowmoor bar, is being worked up into steel rails and steel tires.

It will have been observed that in this paper the attention of the writer has been almost wholly confined to references to plates. This has been done because chiefly in plates improvement has to be looked for from the steel makers. With bar steel, the difficulties in manipulation and connection in structures have not been so great as with plates, and failures, whether due to imposed or internal differential molecular strains, have not been so frequent; sections are less in area and forms less capable of imitating and transmitting destructive strains. Consequently, mild bar steel need not be so ductile as mild plate steel, and hence the structural value of mild bar steel is much higher than that of plates, and engineers can use it to advantage. In the course of a very interesting lecture, delivered by Dr. Siemens at the Royal United Service Institution in March, 1879, he gave a table showing the results of a series of tests of mild and hard steel bars up to and slightly beyond their elastic limit. This table is of great value as affording evidence of the structural value of these bars, and it is to be greatly desired that similar observations should be made on all kinds of modern metallic structural materials. The mild bars to which Dr. Siemens' table refers shows a mean elastic limit of 17.37 tons when annealed, though the same bars showed the lower mean elastic limit of 16.62 before being annealed, and, curiously, the elastic extension is also greater in the annealed bars, the mean extension in bars 5 feet and 4 feet 11 inches being 0.036 inches, the value of the  $T_e$  of the bars being, by the before-mentioned formulae, respectively 57.04 and 53.345. Such material, however, is not to be had or cannot be safely used in plates, and even in bars has been very little used in bridge work. Steel makers have yet to satisfy engineers that it can be safely used.

In conclusion, a few words may be said upon the behavior of the harder kinds of steel plates in which they differ from those of iron. It has been observed by many that some of the steel plates with an elastic strength as high as 18 tons per square inch, combined with a ductile extension as high as 15 per cent., as obtained by the tests of strips of such plates, in the hands of plate smiths or when built into structures, behave very differently to iron with the same apparent mechanical properties. The toughness of good iron plates enables them gradually to dissipate any internal differential molecular strains of tension and compression that may be resident in them as they leave rolling mills, by differential compression and tension. Steel plates which are comparatively hard, but which, when torn asunder in test strips, indicate an ultimate extension of as much as 15 per cent., might be expected to do the same. Such, however, is not the case, for the plate has often behaved when built up into a structure as though its ultimate extension was not more than 1 or 2 per cent., and, like glass, possessed of a high elastic limit but no toughness. Why this should be is not known, but it may be suggested that such being the behavior, the following may afford some clue to the fact that thick plates, at least of such material, have fractured in various directions, after the structure of which they have formed an integral part has been completed. Most plates before being built into a structure are annealed, but the following remarks apply equally whether annealed or not:

Plates, when taken from the rolls or from the annealing oven are generally laid on a flat surface to cool, but whether laid down or stood on edge, cooling takes place somewhat more rapidly toward the corners and

edges than at the middle. At first, the whole plate is of the same temperature, which may be that of redness. The exterior parts first assume the rigidity of cold iron, and contraction takes place on the interior parts, which remain at a higher temperature, and therefore the contraction has taken place under a tensile strain. Thus, if a plate of 1 inch in thickness is considered in illustration, it will be seen that a corner of, say 6 inches on either edge, has an area on the two sides of 36 square inches, but it has also the additional effective cooling area of the edges, which adds 12 square inches, making a total of 48 square inches of effective cooling area by radiation andvection. If, on the other hand, an area on the two sides at the center of the plate of 36 square inches of such surface be taken into consideration, it will be seen that the edge surface can only be considered as cooling by conduction. Thus the effective cooling area of the outer parts of the plates is much more efficient than the central parts. These outer parts having, then, become rigid and contracted under tension, exert a corresponding compressive strain upon the interior parts still at a higher temperature, and thus more or less amenable to compression. This tensile strain upon the outer parts or borders of the plate is gradually eliminated as the interior parts cool, and is finally changed into one of compression, as the inner parts contract in cooling under a molecular tensile strain, due to the incapacity of the rigid border to follow the inner parts in their contraction. In the cold plate put into a structure, there is thus initial molecular strain, differentiating from compression at the edges to tension toward the center. If the plate is cooled under circumstances inducing unequal cooling, these internal strains are aggravated, and they may possibly be of such magnitude that extraneous strains that would not materially affect a tough iron plate may be sufficient in a hard steel to cause rupture. Further, when a plate of such a character is being riveted up, every rivet is compressed under a very high strain to make it fill the holes, and thus, acting as a viscous fluid, adds to the strains already tending to destroy the plate.

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To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR.—We have read with much interest, in the issue of 14th inst. of your valuable paper, the system of fire inspection recently inaugurated by the Yale Lock Company, and are induced to the belief that if their plan is generally adopted by manufacturers a large percentage of fire losses will be effectually prevented. We have been engaged for the past 40 years in manufacturing, and during that period have experienced several losses by fire, and yet, nevertheless, after careful investigation, have been unable, except in one or two cases, to trace the cause to its true origin. Apart from the above, we have had some half-dozen well-ascertained cases of spontaneous combustion in different departments of our factories, and are convinced that fires will sometimes occur without visible or suspected sources. To illustrate by an incident in point. Last June our president, Mr. J. A. Rumsey, while overseeing a night-gang of workmen making some needed repairs at our factories, between 11 and 12 o'clock p. m., had his attention called by the night watchman then on duty to one of our three paint rooms. Upon entering a blaze was discovered, issuing from the door of a disused store, a yard or more in length. The flame was speedily extinguished, the contents of the store examined, and about a bushel of cast-off garments and rags, saturated with paint and oil, was removed from the iron receptacle. Evidently some among the workmen in the paint room, innocently supposing the stove to be a safe storehouse, had utilized it for such rubbish. From the presumable security of a disjoined stove in summer time, we should probably never have imagined any danger unless discovered in such a manner. Our works are heated by coal stoves of approved construction, and carefully guarded, yet with more than 200 workmen employed in many departments on all kinds of labor, as carried on in our Pump and Fire Engine Works, it would be strange indeed if some debris should not occasionally be disposed of contrary to shop regulations. We presume that there are thousands of mills and factories unprovided with as perfect fire apparatus as our own, as we possess a full equipment of the best fire pumps and hose, both night and day watchmen in constant service, together with first-class overseers, and yet with all our best care and diligence we have not been able to entirely prevent open and less obvious causes of danger from fire. The method of the Yale Lock Co. is altogether the best we have noticed, and we intend to adopt it. While we are always well insured, still we should consider any possible payment by the underwriters but a poor recompense for the damage, delay and drawbacks consequent upon even a partial stoppage of our industries by fire. In this phase of business, as in other unforeseen contingencies, the "ounce of prevention" is worth more than the "pound of cure." Yours truly, RUMSEY & CO.  
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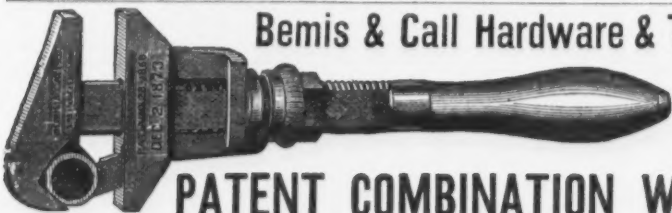
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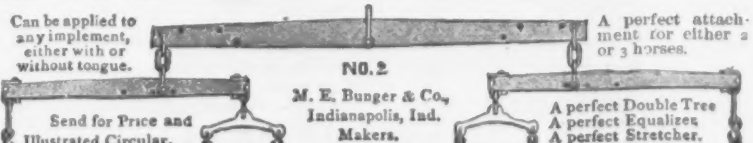
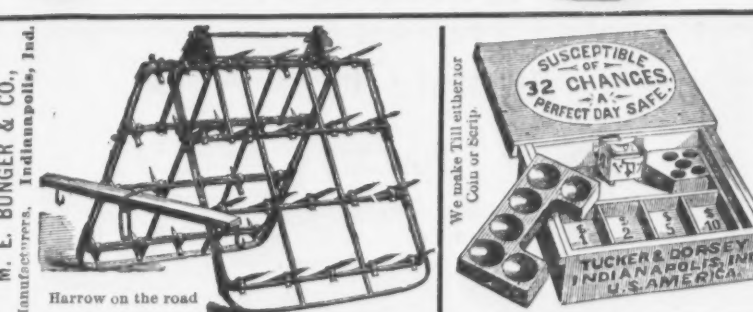
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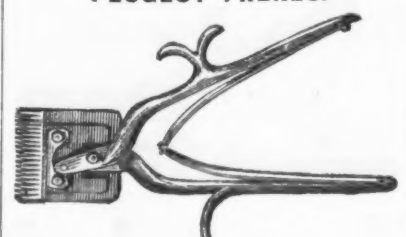
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**A British Workman on American Manufactures of Files and Saws.**

A correspondent of the Sheffield Telegraph, who styles himself "A Sheffield Workman," writes as follows:

I had recently a treat of no ordinary character in looking over the branch establishment of Messrs. H. Diston & Sons, the eminent manufacturer of saws, files, &c., at Tacony. In the file-making department—with the exception of a few file cutters—all is done by power and machinery, from the forging of the smallest saw files to those of the large kinds. The speed with which the former steam hammers travel requires the greatest dexterity on the part of the workmen to turn the blank in its die. In the latter the saving of physical exertion is immense in forging large files. The file grinding machines are equally economical; the same may be said of the 50 or more of file-cutting machines. In the saw-handle-making section of these works the mechanical contrivances are of the most perfect kind. The use of files, rasps and floats are superseded by other tools, astonishing in their adaptability for perfect and rapid production. No written description could convey an idea of their great utility and method. In a case where wood-cutting frames are made, and also cross-cut handles, the pieces of timber in their accurate lengths are placed in machines, and almost entirely automatically they come out finished articles. The skill of the engineer has taken the place of the skilled artisan, for mere boys are tending these operations, and yet quality is not ignored. The best workmen to be had are got to superintend and be held responsible for a department, and several Sheffield hands I shook were thus employed, accompanied with inquiries of "Old Folks at Home." Great care is taken for the health of the workman. There are good light, lofty, airy shops, with apparatus for carrying off the dust imperative in such an occupation, some of the men wearing respirators to keep it from their lungs. The readiness of the firm to adopt any practical suggestion from any one of their hands is a notable feature in most American factories, whereas the cold shoulder is generally given to such in England. We weakly waddle in the wake of America in the matter of inventions until a necessity is proved, when an earnest effort is made and progress is attained. Old-fashioned methods of manufactures will have to be abandoned for newer and better ones if "Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin," is not to be written across British commerce in the future. The individual skill and handicraft of the best Sheffield workman I have not seen surpassed in the United States, but they are inadequate for all the requirements of the present age. I have previously spoken of the "white elephant" as exhibited by certain manufacturers. I am sorry to say that this is not confined to them, but often extends to the workmen. The difficulty to obtain work, even when there is plenty, is greater than would at first seem probable, and herein is shown the selfishness of the American character in the main. I know a case where an English workman applied for work and got promise of employment. The work to be done and the rate of wages to be paid were agreed upon, but when he went to work next morning he was told that there must have been a misunderstanding; they could not find him anything. It subsequently transpired that the men had learned of the Britisher's engagement, they held a conference, and offered to work overtime rather than have a stranger admitted to work with them. A subsequent offer of a menial character was made to him and re-

fused. It is impolitic for such to force themselves into a factory with an opposing faction against them, for they will be most certainly dropped—west of the Allegheny mountains—if they persist in doing so.

## The Pullman Car Patents.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has filed its answer, at Baltimore, to the suit of the Pullman Palace Car Company, of Chicago, for an injunction to prevent the introduction of palace cars on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad similar in construction to those of the Pullman Company. The suit of the Palace Car Company was entered four weeks ago, the Baltimore and Ohio having ended its contract on October 1, and having begun the building of cars for itself at Cincinnati. The answer of the Baltimore and Ohio claims that the Pullman patents are invalid, many of them having been anticipated by other inventors; that many of the claimed inventions are found in cars used long prior to the Pullman patents; and that the reissue which Pullman took out in 1875 was for a different invention from that of his original patent. The Baltimore and Ohio Company claim that Pullman has repeatedly, on the ground of defective specifications in previous patents, had new ones issued, and in this way has extended his original device into a much larger claim. In 1876, Pullman filed a bill against the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, to restrain their manufacture of cars, which he claimed infringed his patent. This is the company manufacturing cars for the Baltimore and Ohio, and which has also manufactured cars for the Central Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and other railroad companies, as well as for the Wagner Sleeping Car Company. Testimony has been taken in this case at Cincinnati, but no injunction has ever been obtained. Similar suits were brought against the Wagner Company in Chicago and New York with similar results. The defendants also claim that the Michigan Central, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Central Pacific and other roads, are using cars similar to those manufactured for the Baltimore and Ohio, and that the Pullman Company has never sought to restrain them; also, that all of Pullman's 30 patents have expired, except one, and that has only two years to run. The Pullman Company's counsel, which includes Messrs. Dickerson, of New York; Thunlor, of Rhode Island; Offield, of Chicago, and Steele, Carter & Sterling, of Baltimore, asked the court for an order to restrain the Baltimore and Ohio from using the cars, pending the hearing of the case. This the court refused to grant, and the Baltimore and Ohio will put on its cars Nov. 1. The hearing in the case has been postponed until November.

## French Coal and Iron Statistics.

The *Bulletin des Travaux Publics* publishes in its last number tables of the mineral production of France during the first half of the current year. Of mineral fuel there have been raised 9,398,000 tons, being 9,120,400 tons of coal and anthracite, and 277,600 tons of lignite. The total production during the last six months of 1879 was 8,773,000 tons. The departments of Pas de Calais, Nord, Loire, and Gard give the largest results, the quantity raised having been 2,203,400, 1,778,600, 1,771,600, and 1,013,200 tons respectively. Lignite was raised in eighteen departments, the principal production having been in the Bouches du Rhône, where 229,700 tons were raised. There are 46 coal basins recorded, of which the Valenciennes, extending through the Nord and Pas de Calais, is the most important, it having yielded 3,935,000 tons. The basins of Loire and Alsace came next, one having yielded 1,772,000, and the other 1,007,000 tons; none of the others, except the Creusot and Blanzay basins, from which 565,000 tons were extracted, have yielded 500,000 tons during the six months. The largest lignite basin is that of Aix (Bouches du Rhône and Var), whence 230,000 tons were extracted during the six months. The production of cast iron between January and June was 847,335 tons, 709,079 tons of which was pig for refining, and 138,256 tons for castings. This shows a considerable increase over the previous six months, when the total production was 687,187 tons. The departments of Meurthe and Moselle heads the list with 260,226 tons, followed by the Nord with 109,322 tons; the department of Charente produced the smallest quantity, 65 tons of charcoal pig. The steel production during the same period was in 183,173 tons, an increase of 13,205 tons over the previous half year. By far the greater portion of this was for rails—135,827 tons; 38,021 tons were for merchant sections and 925 tons for plates. About 160,000 tons were manufactured by the Bessemer or the Siemens-Martin process. Of wrought iron the total output was 457,320 tons, against 446,435 tons the previous half year, 23,634 tons of rail were manufactured, 381,044 tons of merchant bars, and 82,642 tons of plates.

The *Iron Trade Circular* has published a table giving the statistics of the blast furnaces in the United Kingdom on the 30th of September, 1880. Out of 955 furnaces, 554 were in blast, a decrease of 5 since the 30th of June last. The following table shows how they stand, in detail:

England:	Furnaces Built.	In Blast.
Cumberland.....	52	40
Derbyshire.....	57	42
Durham.....	59	85
Gloucestershire.....	9	2
Hampshire.....	8	0
Lincolnshire.....	10	13
Lancashire.....	34	23
Northamptonshire.....	25	20
Northumberland.....	4	4
South Staffordshire.....	140	45
North Staffordshire.....	37	31
Somersetshire.....	1	1
Shropshire.....	25	11
Wiltshire.....	7	3
Yorkshire, West Riding.....	48	32
Yorkshire, North Riding.....	102	84
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>372</b>
Wales:		
North.....	10	4
South.....	154	71
Scotland.....	150	95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>170</b>



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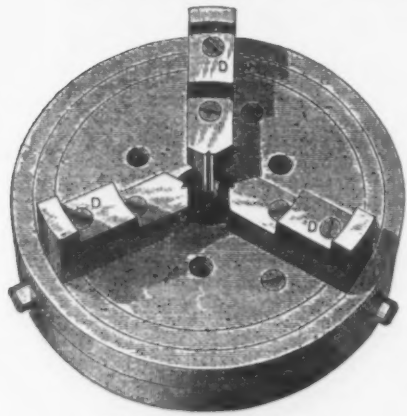


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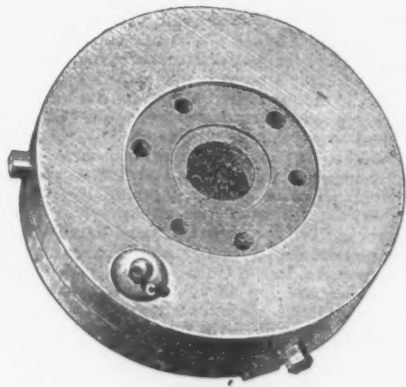


Fig. 2 - Back View.

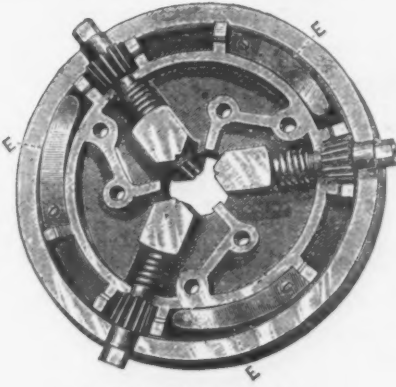


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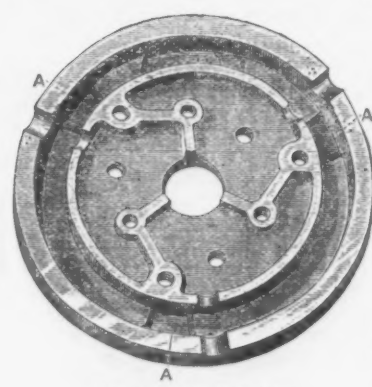


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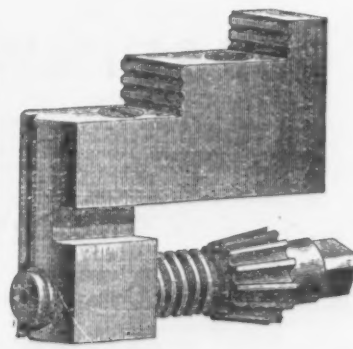


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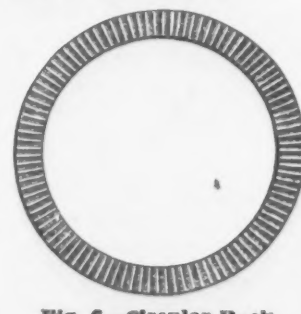


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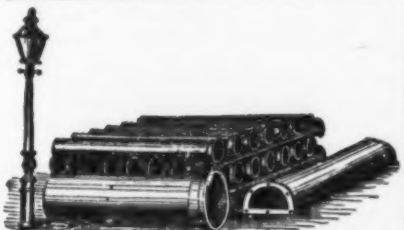




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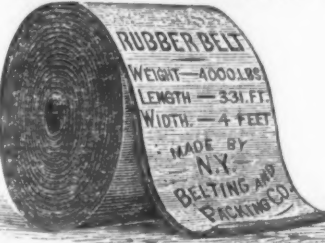
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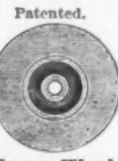


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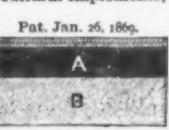
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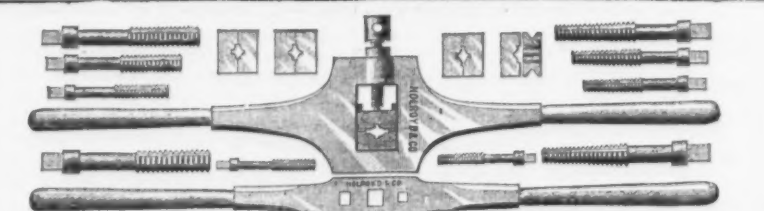
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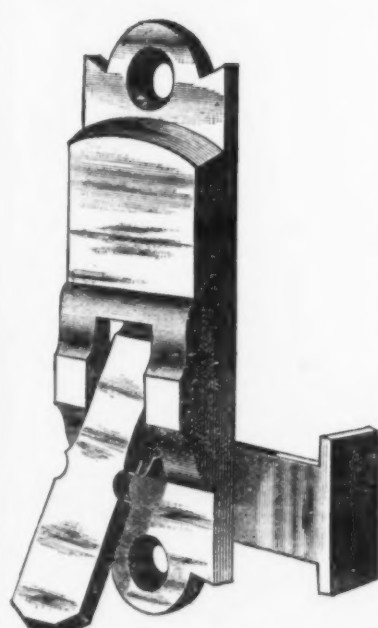
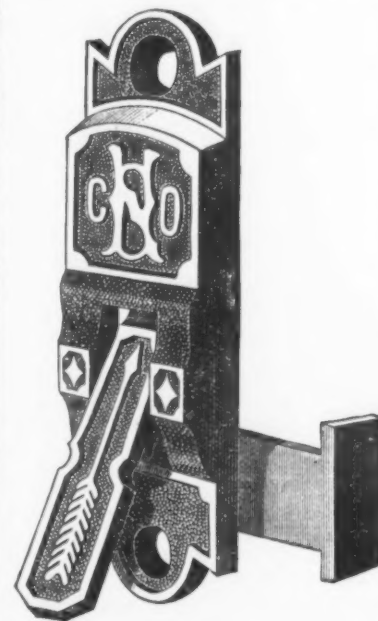
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### The Raising of the Obelisk.

The obelisk is now nearly up to the corner of Ninety-sixth street and the West Boulevard, and after two more pulls it will be in position for turning. Moving it up the hill has been a very tedious and trying work, not so much on account of steep ascent as owing to the inequality of the grade of the street, which necessitated the use of heavy timber blocking under the track in order to maintain a uniform grade from the dock to the top of the hill. The blocking has varied from 6 inches to 12 feet in height in different parts of the hill. Since the steep ascent began, the distance the obelisk has been moved has averaged 80 feet every 24 hours; the actual time occupied in moving it at each pull has never exceeded half an hour, which includes an interval of 20 minutes consumed in shifting the roller boxes from the rear to the fore end of the cradle on which the monolith and the pulling engine rest. The remaining 23 1/2 hours are taken up in grading the street transversely, moving up and placing the heavy timbers for the foundation, and building up on top of these a crib-work for the track. The greatest care is necessary in laying the track in order to preserve a uniform bearing of the stone on the cradle, otherwise there would be risk of its breaking and great difficulty in moving it on account of the concentrated weight over a small area. As soon as the upper end of the stone reaches the boulevard the lower end will be lifted a few inches with the hydraulic jacks until it corresponds with the next grade on the boulevard, which is less than one half that of Ninety-sixth street, which is 1/17 of an inch to the foot. When the new grade has been established the monolith, with its cradle and the track, will be swung around together through an angle of 90 degrees, by placing strips of iron under the fore end of the track and pivoting the after end on the hydraulic jacks. This work has been done several times, and the method employed has been found to work admirably. The work of turning the obelisk will probably occupy two days. Once pointed down the boulevard the progress will be much more rapid than hitherto, as there will be no need of heavy blocking nor of transverse grading. It is possible that as much as 500 or 600 feet per day, and half this distance at night,

may be covered by the stone while it is on the boulevard on which there is an ascending and descending grade. Down the latter, what is now the pulling purchase will have to be applied to the rear to hold the obelisk back and keep control of its movement. Another turn of 90 degrees and change of grade will be made when it reaches the corner of Eighty-sixth street, which has a very slight ascent to the west entrance of the transverse road. Through this road there will be several changes of grade and turns through small angles; the road, though intended for ordinary street traffic, forms a series of curves which may be picturesque and will be annoying. On reaching the Fifth Avenue entrance to the transverse road a turn of 90 degrees will be necessary, and again on reaching the Eighty-second street entrance to the Park, where the obelisk will be moved up to the trestle-work now in course of construction, on which it must traverse the short distance it has to be moved through the Park in order not to obstruct the paths and drives. This trestle comprises eighty bents resting on timber-blocks, to distribute the weight over a large area and insure an equal bearing when the stone passes over. The bents vary in height from 5 to 45 feet, and already sixteen of them have been erected; the timbers for nearly all of the others are fitted, ready for blocking together. The same chain cable and purchase and engine now in use for moving the obelisk will be used for pulling it over the trestle up to the pedestal. The distance from the landing stage to the site in the Park over the route to be traversed by the obelisk is about 9000 feet. In the Park equally important work is in progress. Masons are constructing two temporary piers—one on each side of the pedestal—on which the steel structure for erecting the obelisk is to stand. One of the piers is now ready for the timber bents of the steel structure, and the other will be ready during this week. In the meantime there are gangs of machinists, blacksmiths, carpenters and riggers preparing the steel beams and braces for their places, and fitting the several pieces ready for bolting together as soon as they are in position.

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The railroads of this country continue to prosper, their earnings being considerably ahead of those received during a correspond-  
ing period for the last few years. The fact  
that this improvement is not confined to  
some leading lines of travel, nor to those of a  
few favored sections, but extends to all  
with hardly an exception, and is true for  
those of the East as well as those of the  
West, speaks eloquently for the sound con-  
dition of internal commerce. As the outlay  
for maintenance and running expenses has  
generally remained stationary, and even, in  
some cases, has undergone a reduction, it is  
safe to say that the larger portion of this  
increased income is available for the pay-  
ment of dividends, for the reduction of debts  
and for the improvement of rolling stock  
and permanent way. It is only too natural  
that the eagerness to extend their territory  
or secure that already held against emul-  
ations, has led to that excessive competi-  
tion so aptly called a war. But the rapid  
settlement of such disastrous disputes has,  
until now, promptly removed that source of  
danger. To many of the existing roads,  
however, the present situation contains  
some elements of peril, among which the  
greatest is the low cost at which new lines  
can be built and the cheap rate at which an

abundance of capital can be secured. Handi-  
capped by excessive debts incurred during  
a period of extravagance, loose management  
and high cost of materials and supplies,  
these roads are forced to devote a large per-  
centage of their excess of earnings over  
running expenditures to the payment of  
interest and the accumulation of sinking  
funds. They are, therefore, unable to com-  
pete successfully with more modern roads,  
who earn fair returns upon the capital  
invested before their older rivals are  
prepared to announce dividends. There  
seems now to be a disposition on the part  
of many capitalists to take advantage of this  
state of affairs. This course, though it tends  
to destroy forever the fatal effects of a pe-  
riod of inflation and to prevent the mainte-  
nance of exorbitant freights, is not, on the  
whole, likely to serve best the interests of  
the country at large. There are so many  
fields of enterprise which are only awaiting  
the advent of capital in order to add mate-  
rially to the industry and prosperity of the  
country, that it appears a pity that efforts  
should be directed to a direct competition  
with existing enterprises.

## The Charcoal Iron Interest.

The letter of our correspondent, printed  
on another page of this issue, gives a very  
full account of the sessions and excursions  
of the National Association of Charcoal Iron  
Workers, at its first annual meeting in Har-  
risburg. We judge from the account that  
the meeting was pleasant and profitable.  
There is much in and about Harrisburg to  
interest those engaged in this branch of the  
iron trade, and the days and evenings of  
the association, during its four days' meet-  
ing, seem to have been well employed.

It is time that the charcoal iron trade had  
such an association as this. The wave of  
progress, which has been felt so sensibly in  
the coke and anthracite iron trades, has swept  
by the charcoal furnaces and left them fol-  
lowing the primitive and wasteful methods  
of the last century. There are compara-  
tively few charcoal furnaces in the country  
at which evidences may not be seen of an  
adherence to primitive processes and  
appliances which have no other excuse than  
that they have always been employed. In  
their expressions of opinion on most subjects  
connected with their business, we find that  
charcoal ironmasters are, as the rule, pre-  
judiced in favor of old methods, in spite of the  
fact that it is possible to produce equally good  
results much more cheaply. Many of them  
seem to think that there is in charcoal some  
mysterious property which improves the  
quality of iron, and not that its value as a  
metallurgical fuel is due simply to a purity  
which renders it incapable of imparting any  
deleterious elements to the metal. We find  
a strong tendency to adhere to rude and  
wasteful processes in wood carbonization,  
when better results, with important econo-  
mies in the preservation and utilization of  
the by-products, can be attained with im-  
proved kilns. They know they can make  
good iron in the old way; but they do not  
seem to realize that progress in scientific  
metallurgy does not imply the sacrifice of  
quality, and that charcoal iron, like every-  
thing else, can only hold its place in the  
world's markets when in the processes of its  
manufacture the economies of production are  
intelligently studied and practiced.

There are reasons for this conservatism  
in the charcoal iron trade which it is not  
difficult to discover. Hitherto it has been  
considered necessary that charcoal iron  
making should follow the receding line of  
our forests, and hence our charcoal iron  
works are found on the outskirts of our  
widening areas of iron production. This  
has led to a wide separation of the charcoal  
iron works, and has placed serious difficul-  
ties in the way of that interchange of ideas  
and experiences between those engaged in  
the industry which is so fruitful of benefit.  
There has been but a limited and unsatisfac-  
tory literature of this branch of metallurgy,  
and nothing to call out investigation and  
experiment. From comparative isolation,  
charcoal iron makers have learned to place  
a false estimate of value upon knowledge  
gained by experience, and this has made  
them secretive and disinclined to tell what  
they know, or to record, for the benefit of  
others, the scraps of knowledge they have  
gained. The result has been a very limited  
progress, and a clinging to old methods,  
because no better methods were known.  
In the organization of a National Associ-  
ation representing this branch of iron mak-  
ing, we see the promise of a change which  
shall give a great impetus to progress in  
charcoal iron making. It will aid mate-  
rially in creating a literature of charcoal  
burning and charcoal iron making, in sci-  
entific forestry and forge practice, which in  
a few years cannot fail to have a marked  
effect. The information thus gathered will  
open the eyes of many in this trade to the  
wastefulness of present methods, and set  
them first to thinking and then to experi-  
menting. Perhaps it may even lead to a  
great development in this branch of iron mak-  
ing. Already the question is raised whether  
the planting of charcoal furnaces in the forest  
is not a mistake, and whether the best  
locations would not be found on the sea-  
board. To a charcoal furnace with tide-water  
wharves, suitable wood for carbonization  
could be brought from whatever source ob-  
tainable. The forests of Maine and of the  
South Atlantic States could be drawn upon  
with equal facility, and cheap rates of water  
transportation would make such a supply

less costly than one cut from year to year on  
great tracts of forest land, owned and main-  
tained at the cost of the inland furnaces.  
The wood could be converted into charcoal  
in kilns as well on the seashore as in the  
mountains, and the manager of the seaboard  
furnace could obtain his ores as well from  
abroad as at home. With this advantage  
he could make an unequalled quality of iron  
and have a market for it close at hand.  
This question of making charcoal iron at the  
seaboard has already been raised in Sweden  
and Norway, and is there attracting much  
attention. Here even more favorable op-  
portunities for such a development of the  
industry are offered, and the idea has al-  
ready taken a strong hold upon the minds of  
some of those who may be looked upon as  
leaders in this branch of the iron business.

## A Half Century of Railroad.

The jubilee of English railroads, and, con-  
sequently, of the railroads of the world, has  
just been entered upon. Fifty years ago,  
the 15th of September, the first locomotive  
left Liverpool for Manchester, England, and  
on that day the road between these two  
points was formally opened.

The history of the struggles connected  
with the chartering and building of this road  
are so well known that it is needless to re-  
peat them. It is interesting, however, to  
note that many of the arguments advanced  
and the fears expressed 50 years ago re-  
appear at this day with remarkable frequency,  
and are argued with as much pertinacity as  
though they were new discoveries. For  
example, one of the chief arguments used  
before Parliament against the granting of  
the charter was the canal argument, that has  
but just ceased to be potent in the James  
River Valley of Virginia. The argument  
was that the road must not be built because  
there were three lines of canal between  
Manchester and Liverpool, and the road  
would injure their traffic. To guard against  
consolidation and a concentration of power in  
individual hands, the charter provided that  
no person should hold in his own right more  
than ten shares of the capital stock, and  
that the dividends should be limited to 10  
per cent. The intense noise, it was argued,  
would destroy all peace of mind, the air  
would be vitiated, the birds killed, cows  
would cease to give milk, farm produce  
would be unmarketable, and the race of  
horses would die out. In these matters  
Parliament seems to have "taken the  
chances."

The first freight train over the new road  
from Liverpool to Manchester started De-  
cember 4, 1830, and consisted of 18 cars  
loaded with 200 barrels of flour, 135 bales of  
cotton and other freight, aggregating over  
50 tons. The passenger traffic amounted to  
over 800 persons daily the first week, and  
exceeded 1000 daily the second week. As  
showing the growth of this traffic, the capital  
now invested in British railways is £720,-  
000,000. There are over 18,000 miles of  
road built, over which are carried annually  
between five and six hundred millions of  
passengers and from two hundred to two  
hundred and twenty millions of tons of  
freight.

It is only in America that this showing  
has been outstripped in any respect. Here  
the railroad in many cases precedes and  
supercedes the public road, especially in our  
new territories, giving us a mileage far ex-  
ceeding that of any other nation and very  
nearly equal to the total mileage of all the  
railroads of Europe, as will be seen from the  
following table, showing the number of  
miles in operation at the beginning of each  
of several decades:

### TOTAL MILES IN OPERATION.

	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.
Europe.....	1,238	14,932	32,748	65,466	122,700
United States. 3,319	8,589	30,953	54,535	88,000	

The capital invested in these 100,000 miles  
of road is roughly estimated at \$20,000,000,-  
000, of which some three-fourths is in Europe  
and one fourth in the United States. In other  
words, with nearly one-half of the mileage,  
our cost is only one-fourth of the total.

## Employers and Workmen in Politics.

We are in receipt of a great many cir-  
culars issued by the proprietors of iron  
works and manufactories and addressed to  
the men in their employ, which are in the  
nature of personal appeals calculated to in-  
fluence the votes of those addressed. We  
can understand why, in a time of great  
political excitement, the manufacturers feel  
a deep interest in the issue of the election,  
but we are by no means sure, considering to  
whom they are addressed, that these cir-  
culars can be considered the proper kind of  
documents to emanate from the offices of  
manufacturing establishments. They place  
the men who may hold different political  
views from those which such circulars in-  
culcate in an attitude of hostility to their  
employers. To decline to recognize their  
right to influence his political opinions would  
prejudice a workman's standing and em-  
barrass his future relations with those for  
whom he works. Generally speaking, these  
circulars contain nothing specifically ob-  
jectionable. They make no threats and  
prescribe no conditions; but in many cases  
the men have reason to believe that, if they  
read between the lines, they will find there  
an intimation that the man who receives  
such a declaration of the views and wishes  
of his employers, will find it to his interest  
to vote as they direct. Sometimes this is  
plainly stated, and men who persist in ad-  
hering to the party which the manufac-

turers of the country are not, as the rule,  
supporting, are discharged, or their names  
are placed on the list of those who will be  
first dispensed with when an opportunity of-  
fers which will rob their dismissal of any  
political significance. Whenever such a  
course is pursued in a way that makes it  
savor of intimidation, however slightly, it is  
wrong in every way. The manufacturer  
has the right which belongs to every citizen,  
to think and vote as he likes. He should  
recognize and respect this right in the  
case of his workmen. He may throw  
into the scale whatever of social or personal  
influence he possesses; but in his relations  
with the men in some measure depending  
upon him, he should carefully avoid even the  
appearance of "bulldozing." In too many  
instances which have come to our notice,  
the attitude of the manufacturer is much  
like that of the captain in the Mexican  
war who was directed to lead a forlorn hope  
of volunteers on a desperate mission. He  
selected his own company for the service,  
and called them out for a conference. Ex-  
plaining the delicate and dangerous char-  
acter of his errand, he said he had no de-  
sire to take any one with him who did not  
want to go. "Consequently," he added,  
cocking his pistol, "any man who doesn't  
want to go may step three paces to the front,  
but I'll shoot the first man who steps out."

We have no desire to underrate the impor-  
tance of the issues of the impending election;  
but is it not just possible that they are some-  
times exaggerated? On the other hand, is it  
not certain that they are frequently misrep-  
resented? The workingman knows, perhaps,  
that the question of wages is one which  
gives him an immediate and practical inter-  
est in supporting the tariff; but he is likely  
to suspect that the employer has other and  
better reasons for his interest therein than  
this argument accounts for. We think it in  
every way better and more proper that  
such political manifestoes as those to which  
we call attention should emanate from the  
workingmen themselves, and that manufac-  
turers, as such, should not assume respon-  
sibility for them. It is well to remember  
that even moral influence can be carried to a  
point where it becomes intimidation, and  
that when the rights of free speech and a  
free ballot are sacrificed, citizenship will be  
valueless and the republic a failure.

## The Question of Liability in Steam Boiler Insurance.

Elsewhere in this issue we note the deci-  
sion reached in the suit of Mrs. Henrietta  
Deitel vs. the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspec-  
tion and Insurance Company, by the verdict  
of the jury giving the plaintiff a verdict of  
\$9360 damages for the death of her husband,  
caused by the explosion of a boiler insured  
by the company. We doubt if this verdict  
will stand the test of scrutiny in the higher  
courts, should it be appealed. To our mind  
it is absurd to hold the company responsible  
in damages for deaths caused by the explo-  
sion of boilers on which they have written  
policies. They do not insure a boiler against  
explosion, but simply agree to compensate  
the owner in a certain amount for his losses  
should the boiler explode. Their inspection  
is simply for their own protection. When  
satisfied that the risk is a safe one they take  
it. Fire insurance companies do just this.  
They inspect buildings on which they are  
asked to write policies, and if satisfied that  
the risk is not greater than the premium  
will pay for, they insure the building. We  
have never heard of any attempt to hold the  
fire insurance companies responsible in dam-  
ages for the loss of life which may result  
from fires in buildings they insure. In the  
case of the Hartford Company, the question  
of liability seems to hinge on the nature of  
the certificate given by them that the boiler  
could safely carry a pressure of 80 pounds to  
the inch. We should not be disposed to con-  
sider this a legal guaranty that the boiler  
would carry that amount, but only a certi-  
ficate authorizing the owner to carry 80  
pounds pressure in his boiler without vitiat-  
ing his insurance. The question of negli-  
gence on the part of the inspector is one  
between him and the company. If he made  
an imperfect inspection and failed to comply  
with the company's rules, the fact would  
furnish good grounds for his dismissal, and  
perhaps for civil or even criminal suits  
against the inspector. The principle in law  
that an employer becomes responsible for  
the acts of his servants, seems to us to apply  
in this case only to the payment of the com-  
pensation agreed upon in the policy. The  
company could not plead that, owing to in-  
sufficient inspection, they had been induced  
to insure an unsafe boiler, and that the pol-  
icy was null and void because their rules had  
not been complied with. But having paid  
the claim of the boiler owner on his policy,  
we fail to see that they are in any way fur-  
ther liable. They did not undertake to  
insure life, they were not paid for anything  
beyond insuring the boiler, and there was  
no agreement or business relation of any  
kind between the company and the man  
killed. This seems to us a reasonable view  
of the case, and we believe it is the one  
which will be held by the higher courts. If  
not, there will have to be a radical change,  
not only in boiler insurance, but in fire  
and marine underwriting, as the principles  
which apply to one apply equally to the  
others.

The excitement in the French steel rail  
trade continues without abatement. The  
persistence of the Creusot Works in taking

contracts at startling figures has caused a  
good deal of speculation and comment. It  
was quite generally understood that the pro-  
posed establishment of works in the East of  
France, to work Minette pig by the basic  
process was the reason for the cutting of  
prices. An anonymous correspondent of  
the *Bourse Lyonnaise*, who is suspected of  
being an officer of the Creusot Company,  
asserts that that company can make Ees-  
semer steel rails for 147.5 francs (\$28.47 per  
ton), while those manufactured by the basic  
process would cost only 107.5 francs (\$20.75  
per metric ton). The publication of these  
figures has brought out M. F. Laur, a well-  
known engineer, who protests violently  
against them as wrong and as being likely to  
seriously injure the trade. He goes to the  
length of printing quite detailed figures,  
which appear to rest upon a close knowledge  
of the industry. He makes the cost of  
manufacturing steel rails at Creusot, by the  
ordinary process, 187.5 francs (\$36.19); at  
Denain, by the ordinary process, 161 francs  
(\$31.07), and in the East of France, in the  
future Moselle district, by the basic process,  
143.5 francs (\$28.07). The weight of author-  
ity is with the latter figures. Both ac-  
counts, however, agree in one important  
point—they concede a considerable reduc-  
tion of cost, due to the introduction of the  
basic process into a district which, above  
most others in the world, is particularly  
well adapted to enter into competition with  
neighboring regions as soon as the phos-  
phorus question is definitely settled in its  
favor.

## Free Competition vs. Pools.

One of the ablest of English political  
economists, in a recent article in one of the  
new reviews, stated as a fact that the ten-  
dency of trade at the present time was in  
the direction of doing away with a free  
competition as the means of regulating  
prices for commodities and services, and sub-  
stituting the principle of combination. It  
is one of the most interesting studies in con-  
nection with industry to watch the develop-  
ment of this tendency, which is far more  
general than is believed and one that has  
not, as a rule, received that consideration  
that its importance demands.

The theory of many political economists  
has been that free competition was the basis  
upon which prices for services and commodi-  
ties were determined. "You cannot pre-  
vent the action of the law of supply and  
demand," has been the dictum that has been  
hurled at all economical sceptics who have not  
believed in the gospel according to Adam  
Smith, and with a self-sufficient belief in  
their own righteousness, the orthodox ac-  
cording to Adam Smith have fulminated  
the major bull of excommunication against  
all heretics. But somehow these heretics  
have prospered. Though cursed in basket  
and store, the basket has not grown empty  
and the store has increased to abundance  
that has overflowed in food and clothing to  
the whole world of hungry and naked.

Of course the sinners, above all others,  
have been the United States. One economical  
heresy has followed another during many  
years of our industrial and commercial life,  
until it is well-nigh impossible to tell what of  
Adam Smith we do believe. So great have  
been our sins that our good friends over the  
water, who have preached repentance to us  
so long without effect, are looking on in  
awe, waiting to see our commercial and in-  
dustrial Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by  
fire.

The chief heresy is protection—an inter-  
ference with the law of free competition—  
but one that the whole country seems well-  
nigh ready to accept. Certainly a Presiden-  
tial campaign is being run on the heresy—  
the first one since Polk was elected, early in  
the forties. We have so often argued the  
effect of this heresy that we need not enlarge  
on this point.

Another of these interferences with this  
law of free competition is found in the pools  
and consolidations of railroads that are so  
frequent with us. Of the benefits of these  
pools, at least in this country, no one has any  
doubt who has given the subject careful  
attention, unless that person be a mere doc-  
trinaire or has some special advantage that  
has been curtailed by these pools. The  
*United States Economist*, in a recent article,  
frankly owns the great benefits that travel-  
ers and transporters have derived from the  
combination of railway interests and the con-  
solidation of connecting roads into trunk  
lines. There is not to-day an objector to  
these pools and consolidations who would re-  
turn to the old ways of a score of years ago,  
when every 25 or 50 miles of track was a  
new road, under new management. These  
combinations and consolidations have largely  
reduced the cost of passenger travel and  
freight shipment, and the future improve-  
ments in this direction will be immensely  
facilitated by combinations in progress.

Another interference with this principle  
is found in the societies and organizations  
intended to maintain fair rates for merchan-  
dise and manufactures, like those in the nail,  
iron, cutlery, screw, hardware and other  
trades. There is every reason in fact and  
experience why such organizations are benefi-  
cial; it is only in theory that they can be  
shown to be harmful, and then the facts do  
not bear out the theory. The most that  
they do is to give stability to values, and  
measurably restrain those wide fluctuations  
which, without permanently benefiting con-  
sumers, are so demoralizing and even de-  
structive to the interests of producers.

Not long since a number of gentlemen  
gathered at Berlin to discuss the outlook of  
Germany, so far as business and commerce



are concerned. The feeling was naturally a gloomy one, the country being far from enjoying prosperity, and a diligent search was made for any facts which might be interpreted as assuring brighter prospects for the future. To what straits they were driven may be inferred from the following line of argument, which was apparently received with much satisfaction: "The Americans are sending us much grain, because they can raise it cheaper upon the virgin lands of the Western States. They are, however, systematically robbing those lands, and as one section is exhausted they turn to the next, repeating a process which yields enormous returns for the present. The lands available for this method are steadily and rapidly diminishing in area, and soon the American farmer will find himself forced to restore the virgin fertility by expensive methods which, nevertheless, will not admit the approach to the first yields. It is then that the terrors of the present abnormal competition will cease, and the German 'Bauer' will again conquer his old markets." That there is a grain of truth in all this it is impossible to deny, but we fear that in view of the extent of our public domain, and the constant development in the older agricultural districts, there is very little hope for our German and English friends in the present generation. It should not be forgotten that a steady stream follows the tide of pioneers who till the virgin lands, and that the land brought under cultivation continues to pour forth its treasures of produce under many advantageous circumstances, while those who first skim the soil have to battle against many adversities and drawbacks.

### The National Association of Charcoal Iron Workers.

HARRISBURG, PA., October 23, 1880.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Charcoal Iron Workers, which has just closed its four days' session, has been in every way a gratifying success. The energetic secretary, Mr. John Birkinbine, with the co-operation of the ironmasters and business men of Harrisburg and vicinity, arranged a most attractive programme, and by constant watchfulness and good management this programme was carried out in every detail "on time," with no accidents nor disappointments of any kind. It is needless to say that such management adds very greatly to the enjoyment of those who attend a meeting of this character, and that it is not always, if often, that a week of meetings and excursions passes without a delay or a single mishap of any sort.

In the letter published in our last issue, we noted the happenings up to the close of the first meeting, Tuesday evening, October 19. At this point we resume our narrative.

Early Wednesday morning the company met at the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and took cars for the fine property of the South Mountain Mining and Iron Company, which was reached about 10 o'clock. This is certainly a very interesting point, and there is a great deal more to be seen here than could be seen during the few hours which were given to it. The real estate of the company comprises a wooded tract of 22,000 acres on the South Mountain. The improvements comprise a charcoal furnace 42 feet high and 9 feet 6 inches at the base, with bell and hopper and closed front. It is blown with three tuyeres. There is also a forge with six fires and a run-out fire. Four ore banks are opened, of which only one was visited, but this one was of much interest. It has been worked for over a century, and progress of the working only seems to develop an increased wealth of ore, which is mined with but little more difficulty than attends the excavation of a clay bank. As an outlet for its ores and iron, the company own and operate a railroad to Carlisle 18 miles long. Everything about the works seems to be in excellent shape. The furnace is blown with Weimer's Centennial engine—5 feet diameter of blowing cylinder and 2 feet stroke. The production is about 100 tons per week of iron for forge purposes only, and the blooms are chiefly used in the manufacture of boiler plate. The company have a beautiful pleasure ground, known as Pine Grove Park, comprising 35 acres. Here we find many charming improvements in the way of artificial springs, rustic buildings, dancing floors, &c., for the accommodation of public parties from the neighboring towns, and in the summer Pine Grove Park is a favorite place of resort.

The geology of the South Mountain ore deposits is of much interest and will be considered further on in these notes.

Messrs. J. C. Fuller and Jay Cooke own the Pine Grove property, which has had a very interesting history, extending back through many generations.

After inspecting the furnace and improvements, the company were entertained at luncheon in the park by Mr. Fuller, and took cars for Chambersburg. Here a visit was paid to Falling Creek Furnace. This is a small plant of modern construction, connected with which is a large grist mill run by steam-power generated by the waste gases of the furnace. The furnace is an iron-cased stack resting on iron columns; two tuyeres, bell and hopper, producing about 65 tons per week of cold-blast charcoal iron. The product is used chiefly for car-wheel purposes.

As arrangements had been made to pass the night at Chambersburg, the party was distributed among the three or four hotels of the place, and had time to inspect the town, as well as for rest and refreshment, before the evening, which was devoted to a meeting for papers and discussion. The local committee had secured the large hall of the Court House for this purpose, and it was found a most convenient and delightful place of meeting. The exercises were opened by Judge Roe, of Chambersburg, who, in behalf of the citizens and business men of that place, welcomed the association. Nothing could have been more delightfully entertaining than Judge Roe's speech, but it was, unfortunately, a great deal too long, and with

the response of General Warner in behalf of the association, occupied nearly an hour, and left very little time for the practical business of the meeting. As this mistake is very frequently made, it is doubtful if your correspondent could make better use of a half inch of space than in reminding gentlemen who serve on local committees of arrangements, that while speeches of welcome, delivered by eminent citizens, are very pleasant and show a thoughtful regard for the amenities of hospitality, a few words well spoken are a great deal more appropriate and pleasing than long speeches, however eloquent.

The first paper of the evening was read by Mr. O. W. Davis, of Katandin Furnace, Bangor, Me., on "Desulphurizing Ores in the Westernman Kiln." It was a very carefully written and valuable paper, and we shall take pleasure in giving it somewhat fuller notice in a subsequent issue. In his experiments he had modified the kiln to adapt it for the use of wood, instead of gas, as fuel, and, after some changes, had reached results entirely satisfactory. The sulphur, which occurs in the ores in the form of scales or flakes, is rapidly volatilized and thrown off in great volumes and practically eliminated from the ore, at an average cost of 47.7¢ per ton. In addition, Mr. Davis gave some figures showing very satisfactory work in his furnace, with an important fuel economy resulting from the thorough preparation of the ores.

Mr. Jones Wister, of Harrisburg, was asked to discuss the subject, and very fully confirmed from his own experience the statements made by Mr. Davis. He had found, nevertheless, that however good the results which may be attained in desulphurization in kilns, it was cheaper and better to use ores containing little or no sulphur, and he was now doing nothing in the line to which Mr. Davis's paper referred. In his kiln experiments he had used pea coal (anthracite) with best results. He had operated chiefly on Cornwall ores, and while his kiln differed in some respects from that described by Mr. Davis, the results attained were practically the same.

The chairman, Col. Wiestling, referred to a question which had been raised by some statements made in his address the night before, and placed it before the meeting for discussion. The question was whether fire-brick hearths would answer as well in cold-blast as in hot-blast charcoal furnaces. There was a tradition in the charcoal-iron industry that, for some mysterious reason, fire-brick would not stand in a cold-blast furnace. He did not believe there was any good reason for this belief, and asked any one who had had any experience on this point to give it.

Mr. McDougal, of Three Rivers, Canada, stated that he had used both brick and sandstone hearths, and had found but little difference between them. He had not had as good success with American as with English bricks, but he had no doubt that with suitable bricks a hearth would last as long if made of sandstone.

Mr. Birkinbine thought there were better commercial than scientific reasons for the preference for stone hearths in cold-blast furnaces. These furnaces were mostly built in inaccessible places, remote from main lines of transportation, and for this reason stone crucibles cost less than fire-brick. This fact might account for their general use, and for the prejudice which existed in their favor. He saw no reason why brick should not last as well in a cold-blast as in a hot-blast furnace.

Mr. Lobdel gave the experience of several who had tried to use fire-brick hearths in cold-blast furnaces and failed. He knew of no reason why they should have failed.

Col. Wiestling thought it probable that the short life of brick hearths was due to bad fluxing.

There was a good deal of discussion on this subject, and the conclusion reached by most of those who took part seemed to be that, with good management, there should be no difficulty in making as long a run with a brick hearth in a cold-blast furnace as with one of stone.

Mr. Jean A. Mathieu was then called upon for an explanation of his process of making charcoal in retorts, but, owing to that gentleman's very limited command of English, he asked Mr. Birkinbine to speak for him. This duty was discharged by the secretary in a very clear and satisfactory manner. Mr. Mathieu's apparatus consists of two crescent-shaped retorts, jacketed on the outside and heated by combustion in a fire-brick chamber. As we should find it difficult to describe the apparatus without cuts, we shall not attempt to do so at this time, and shall confine ourselves to Mr. Mathieu's claims, which are certainly calculated to attract the attention of charcoal burners. These are set forth by Mr. Mathieu substantially as follows:

The quantity of charcoal ordinarily required for the daily manufacture of 17 tons of charcoal iron is 900,000 bushels per annum.

By the ordinary processes (yielding 35 bushels per cord of wood) this requires the carbonization of 25,700 cords of wood, giving, at \$3 per cord, a yearly expense of \$77,100.

By the Mathieu Furnace and process, for 900,000 bushels only 12,850 cords are required, giving, at \$3, a yearly expense of \$38,550.

The result is a saving in the cost of wood of \$38,550.

The cost of largest-size furnace for that yield is, say, 16,000.

Leaving a net saving in the first year of... \$22,550.

While in subsequent years the saving is, of course, much greater, since the only deduction is for wear and tear.

The distilled products (lost in the smoke by the old processes) are saved by the furnace and give an average yield, per cord, of:

200 lbs. acetate of lime or pyroligneous acid, worth, say, 4 cents per lb. \$8.00.

One gallon wood spirit or methyl alcohol, worth, say, 1.25. 1.25.

Total \$9.25.

Expenses, cost of labor and time... 2.25.

Leaving a net profit of, per cord... \$7.00.

Which, upon a yearly consumption of 12,850 cords, would yield a net profit of... \$89,950.

Adding to this the net saving, as above, on cost of wood, gives us the net profit of... \$112,500.

From the above estimate it will be seen that the profit arising by products resulting from this process so far exceeds the cost of the mere production of the charcoal, that it may be safely asserted that the latter can be obtained, not only without cost, but with an actual profit in excess of the charcoal itself. The apparatus will last eight years, with some repairs from time to time. The products will differ, of course, with the different kinds of wood used: Thus, pine will yield less acetate of lime, but will give turpentine, rosin, creosote and paraffine, also a large amount of wood spirit.

The quantity of wood required being but one-half of that formerly used, the cost of transportation is proportionately less, and the furnace can be economically employed at a distance from the forests. In case, however, it is found more desirable to transport the 70 bushels of charcoal than the cord of wood, the apparatus can be taken apart (the heaviest piece not exceeding 1000 pounds in weight) for transportation, and thus can be readily moved and set up at different points in the forests. In this case also the acetates or pyrolignites can be made on the spot by using the ashes of the waste wood used for fuel.

The furnace enables the operator to produce charcoal of any quality desired, whether black, brown, heavy, or light, for blast furnaces, copper or lead works, gunpowder manufactories, for the purification of alcohol, sugar, &c., for disinfecting purposes and also for the filtering of water supplied by city water works. The waste gas can be used for illuminating purposes, or, together with the waste tar and wood remnants, for fuel. The crude pyroligneous acid can be sold for painting, preservation of woods, such as railroad ties, fences, wharves, boats, &c., for preservation of food and general antiseptic or disinfecting purposes. Acetate of lime is now imported into this country in large quantities, and is very extensively employed for the manufacture of acetic acid and the various salts thereof, such as acetates of alumina, iron, copper, lead, &c., which are largely used in printing and dyeing of stuffs, and in the manufacture of paper, leather, ink, white lead, chrome yellow, chrome green, Paris green, verdigris, &c. Turpentine and wood spirit is extensively used in the manufacture of varnish, and also in printing and dyeing. Rosin finds a large demand in naval construction; also in the production of lubricants for heavy machinery, gearing and carwheel bearings. Paraffine forms the principal ingredient in the manufacture of candles; it is also used extensively as a lubricant for delicate machinery, besides fulfilling many other requirements. Creosote is employed in large quantities in the preservation of railroad ties and other kinds of timber, while its consumption as a disinfectant is very extensive.

Mr. Mathieu exhibited samples of his charcoal, which were certainly of admirable quality, also of the by-products.

Next morning, at 8.30, the party left Chambersburg for Mont Alto, where the forenoon of Thursday was spent. The property of the Mont Alto Iron Company includes 20,200 acres. Of this 600 acres is laid out as a park. There are seven farms, averaging 100 acres each, and the balance is in woodland. The furnace is a hot-blast charcoal stack, 9½ x 36 feet, blown by 4 tuyeres with 3¼-inch nozzles. The density of the blast is 1½ pounds, and the temperature 600° F. There is one run out fire, and a forge with 7 fires. The product of the works averages 16 tons pig iron per day and 7 tons of blooms, which is only about one-half the capacity of the forge. The furnace was built in 1808, and has had an eventful history. The ores smelted are local brown hematites, averaging 43 per cent. iron, low in phosphorus and practically free from sulphur.

As the Mont Alto and Pine Grove properties are on the same range, they may be properly included in one description, so far as their geological features are concerned. For the data on this subject we are indebted to Prof. Leslie's observations in 1864, in which year he examined and reported on both properties.

The brown hematite deposits of the South Mountain, to which those of Mont Alto belong, follow the outcrop edges of the slates and sandy limestones which everywhere form the southeastern edge of the great Cumberland Valley. As they are the residue of these beds after decomposition, they must be referred to the Silurian formation, and as the original rocks varied widely in their composition, the ores themselves show a great diversity. Two principal distinctions may be particularly noticed. The ores which have resulted from the decomposition of the slates are more disposed to be red-short, while those derived originally from limestones have a tendency to be more or less cold-short. Sometimes there is a mixture of the two in the same deposit, producing a so-called neutral ore. The banks containing the slate or red-short ores are geologically underneath those banks which hold the sand lime or cold-short ores. The belt of ore ground at Mont Alto crosses Antietam Creek at the Mont Alto Furnace, rises upon the hillside until it begins to ride upon the second or lower slope of the mountain between the upper and lower slopes. Within the half mile there are several large pits, and 2200 feet from the furnace is the Home bank, in which there were in sight, in 1864, according to Professor Lesley, 250,000 cubic feet of ore ground. The entire belt between the furnace and one mile and a quarter beyond the Home bank, is estimated by him to have 11,000,000 cubic feet of ore ground above drainage level. It is likely that it continues equally rich to a much greater distance northward, along the face of the mountain, past White Rock Gap and toward the Conococheague at Caledonia Iron Works. Professor Lesley held also that in its southern continuation, south of the Antietam, toward Quincy and Wanesboro, as large an amount can be obtained as north of the Mont Alto Furnace.

The ore in the ground consists of ball ore and wash ore, with lumps, plates and streaks of clay. The clay is thrown out where it is in sufficiently large lumps, and the rest is washed off. There remains a good deal of clay in the balls, which are irregular globes of hematite, often hollow

and lined with beautiful ocular crystals. Prof. Lesley estimates the quantity of lump clay in the ore at 5 to 10 per cent. by weight.

The proportion of clay to ore is greater near the surface than it is further down, so that the ore mass becomes denser and richer as the depth increases, the deepest openings striking into a very hard, pure ore. The ore washed from the upper workings averages 50 per cent. of metallic iron. Prof. Lesley estimates that the principal belt of the Mont Alto ore ground contains from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of ore per mile for a distance varying from one to three miles north of the furnace, and possibly an equal amount per mile south of it. Near the Mont Alto and Home bank belt is a second and a third one, the latter containing a hard ore. Three miles from the Mont Alto Furnace are the Pond and Caledonia banks and the English diggings, all three excavations separated only 100 to 200 yards interval from each other, being sunk in one immense deposit of ore, the covering of soil varying from 10 to 40 feet. Prof. Lesley estimated that a million and a half tons of ore could be taken, giving 50 feet only as the average depth of the ore, and deducting 50 per cent. for clay. The latter is an excessive estimate, although the clay is present in greater quantities than at the Home banks. On the other hand, the amount of silica is less.

The ores of Pine Grove Furnace are the same as those of the Mont Alto belt, although they occur in a long narrow valley in the heart of the South Mountain range. The principal developments are confined to a few miles above and below the furnace. The ore is nearly continuous the whole length of Mountain Creek, from about four miles above the furnace to below the mouth of Hunters Run. Prof. Lesley, in a report to the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, speaks of three banks, the two furnace banks and the upper bank. The best exhibition of ore occurs in the space of three miles, from a little below the forge to a little above the furnace. In this space he estimates there are a million of tons, and probably several millions. The ore is a rich brown hematite, containing, especially in the upper part, a considerable quantity of manganese, present in the form of oxide.

At Mont Alto the visitors were hospitably entertained at luncheon in the Park by Col. Wiestling. As the weather was fine, these picnic features of the trip were greatly enjoyed.

From Mont Alto the party were carried back to Harrisburg, and spent the afternoon examining the iron works near the city. The first of these visited were the Central Iron Works and Chesapeake Nail Works, after which the association were conveyed to the Paxton Furnace and Wister's Furnace. These establishments were hastily inspected, and by dark the party returned to Harrisburg.

Thursday evening a meeting was held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, with a large attendance. The first paper of the evening was one by Prof. F. B. Hough, United States Commissioner of Forestry, on the preservation of forests. This paper was of much interest and value, and will be fully considered when we have the full text in hand. Such notes as we could give in this correspondence would not do justice to the subject or its treatment.

It was followed by a brief paper by Mr. Noble on forestry in Styria. These papers led to a very interesting discussion, showing that the charcoal ironmasters fully appreciate the importance of scientific forestry, and are anxious for information as to the best means of protecting the timber lands on which they are dependent, from a more rapid destruction than can be compensated by replacement from natural growth.

Mr. Milnes called attention to the need of some standard ton in the iron trade. He favored abandoning the long ton in selling blooms, and advocated the 2000-pound ton as the proper standard. A committee was appointed to consider this subject, and also that of a standard for the bushel of charcoal. The following is the resolution as adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to take into consideration the matter of the adoption of a uniform ton of 2000 pounds in all transactions in iron, and of the adoption of a uniform standard of measure and weight for charcoal; and that said committee be instructed to report at the next meeting; also, that the committee be instructed to request the co-operation of all iron workers and dealers in the United States.

A paper by Mr. Tyler, on "Furnace Work in Alabama," was then read by the secretary by title and its publication ordered by the association. This concluded the regular business of the meeting, and after the passage of resolutions of thanks to those who had placed the association under obligations, and to the secretary and other officers, the meeting adjourned.

During the session the following gentlemen were elected honorary members of the association:

Prof. Richard Ackermann, Stockholm; I. L. Whitham Bell, Middleboro'; Dr. Hermann Wedding, of Berlin; A. S. McCreath, Chemist Pennsylvania Geological Survey; F. B. Hough, United States Commissioner of Forestry; and J. C. Bayles, Editor of The Iron Age.

During the forenoon of Friday the convention was taken to Perry Forge, at Marysville. This is a compact, well-arranged and well-managed establishment, owned by the Siedel Bros. It has six fires and one 6 tuyere run-out. From there the party went to the Harrisburg Car Works, which were hastily inspected, and then to the Pennsylvania Steel Works. This company has a large and excellent plant, which is being rapidly extended. There are two blast furnaces, both erected since 1872 and provided with the latest improvements. No. 1 stack is 60 feet high with 14 feet bosh, and No. 2 stack is 77 feet high with 17½ feet bosh. Each furnace has two nests of boilers with six in each nest, which generate steam for three upright blowing engines, each of 500 horse power, with blowing cylinders 7 feet diameter and 4 feet stroke that supply the blast to the furnaces. No. 1 furnace has a Kent hot-blast stove, and No. 2 furnace has Whitwell hot-blast stoves, using

three stoves, each 18 feet diameter, 55 feet high, with a draft stack 17½ feet high. The buildings are of brick. Each casting house being 140 feet long, the stock house 270 feet long, having two lines of railroad track on trestles extending through its entire length.

The converter house is a stone building 165 x 155 feet, in which there are two 5 ton converters. The blooming mill has a three-high train of 34 inch rolls, driven by a 500-horse-power upright engine. The rail mill has a three-high train of 23-inch rolls.

In 1875 the company erected an open-hearth plant for the production of Siemens steel in gas regenerative melting furnaces, which is also engaged in the production of steel ingots, utilizing scraps of steel from the blooming mill and rail mill, old steel rails and various kinds of steel scrap. A new plant of this description, much larger and with many improvements, is now in course of construction in a handsome brick building 125 x 106 feet. A department for the manufacture of railroad frogs and crossings, safety switches, &c., was organized in 1872, and this branch of business has become quite important. Its operations are conducted in a building 400 feet long, near the rail mill, where may be seen in quantity every description of tools and labor-saving machinery adapted to the business. The materials used for the construction of the frogs, switches, &c., are the best quality steel rails, together with wrought and cast iron in various forms, and the fitting of same together is of necessity a mechanical operation requiring great care and thoroughness in every particular. The variety of styles produced and the large experience their specialists in this line have acquired would seem to indicate the ability of the company to meet every demand very satisfactorily.

To meet the greatly increased demand for rails and blooms, the construction of an additional Bessemer plant was decided upon some time ago, and the work has been in progress for several months. The principal part of the building has been completed, and part of the engines and machinery are in place. The building is of stone, 155 by 230 feet, with roof wholly of iron. There will be three converters, arranged in front of two pits. The outfit of cupolas will be ample for melting the iron as fast as the converters can take it, and all the arrangements will be on a scale calculated for handling a product of over 150,000 tons per annum. The foundations for the machinery are of the most massive character; many of them are of cut stone, evidently intended for very powerful engines. The machinery to be used in the new plant is all of it in process of construction in the extensive shops of the company.

The various sections of the repair department are worthy of notice, as they are of large capacity, such as the repairs and renewals constantly required in such an establishment would make a necessity, and also adapted for the production of the machinery and appliances of the new plants. There is a pattern shop, supplied with improved machinery for working wood—a fine brick building, 110 feet long, with pattern storehouse adjoining; also iron foundry, 170 feet long; carpenter shop; boiler shop, in which boilers and other forms of plate iron work are made, and machine and smith shops. The machine shop is one of the finest in the State—a brick building, 182 by 78 feet, filled with lathes, planers, drilling and other tools for the purpose of shaping and finishing the various parts of the machinery of all capacities, some capable of dealing with pieces of 20 tons weight. The artificial light used in this shop is an electric lighting apparatus, with seven lamps. Storehouses, with full supplies of iron and metal supplies, and lubricators, &c., are found in convenient locations, with attendants who record every issue of the materials, noting all transactions and reporting, at stated intervals, to the accounting departments. The handling of the large amount of material of all kinds required for the operations of the company and the shipment of the product is a matter of considerable moment. For the purpose of moving the cars received from the railroads, placing them in various parts of the works, weighing and shipping, there are in use four powerful shifting locomotives, and for moving iron, ingots, &c., there are two narrow-gauge locomotives in constant use. There are now nine miles of railroad track on the grounds. The plot of land occupied by the works was originally about 80 acres, but this has been increased by purchases during the present year to about 120 acres.

From the steel works the party returned to Harrisburg to dinner. At 1.45 p. m. they reassembled at the depot, and were carried to the Cornwall ore banks, near Lebanon. Unfortunately, more time was given to the furnaces than to the ore banks, and as the latter are much more remarkable than the former, they may properly claim all of such brief space as could be spared for both in this correspondence.

This remarkable deposit of magnetic iron ore rises from the surface along the northern border of the Mesozoic sandstone, which here forms the southern limit of the great Auroral limestone valley. The area of the ore exposed measures about 4000 feet in a direction nearly east and west, with a transverse breadth of from 400 to 800 feet, and includes three hills, separated by two valleys running nearly north and south. Of these hills the eastern, which is the highest, is said to be 960 feet above tide water, and a little over 300 feet above the brook flowing in the ravine which divides it from the middle hill. This, which is larger in area than the others, rises, in its highest part, nearly 100 feet, while the western hill is a little lower. A careful inspection shows that these elevations are due to the presence of a great ridge of eruptive rock, apparently a dolerite, which surrounds the eastern hill on the south, east and north, forms the northern border of the middle hill, and sweeps around the northern and western sides of the western elevation. Although now broken through at the two transverse valleys, this great belt of eruptive rock was probably once continuous, and being curved in form, like many of the dykes of the Mesozoic, has evidently served to protect the inclosed ore-bearing strata, which both to the east and the west have been eroded and swept away

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORY OF TIN MINING IN BOHEMIA AND SAXONY (BEITRÄGE ZUR GESCHICHTE DES TINNBERGEBANES IN BOHEMEN UND SACHSEN). By Dr. Edward Reyer.

For some time Dr. Reyer has been devoting much labor to the history of tin mining in the chief producing districts of the world, and we have once or twice before placed before the readers of *The Iron Age* a summary of the fruits of his labors, as published by the *Oest. Zeitschrift*. It is natural that Dr. Reyer should have examined, with special care and with conspicuous success, the records of that old and once prosperous mining industry of Bohemia and Saxony, which reaches as far back as the year 1200, and flourished in 1450, 1550 and again in 1750. The vicissitudes of all the districts were sudden and great. All underwent the change from stream washing to lode mining, and many suffered from enormous collapses of the mines, which were, it appears, often injudiciously managed. Dr. Reyer's account contains many notes of interest. He tells us that stamp mills were introduced in the beginning of the sixteenth century, and that it was in 1507 that one Maltitz introduced the use of water driving stamping—an invention for which special privileges were granted to him. It appears that the manufacture of tin plate commenced in the beginning of the seventeenth century, and that one Drebbel taught the use of tin salts in dyeing in 1630.

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**Hardware.**  
Baker Hermann & Co. Cases, 32  
Casks, 3  
Figs., 82  
Drexel, Morgan & Co. Anvils, 80  
Chains, cks., 2  
Ironware, cks., 2  
Degraw, Aymer & Co. Chains, pkgs., 7  
Field Alfred & Co. Per. caps, cks., 26  
Cases, 8  
Casks, 2  
Mds., pkgs., 5  
Tolson H. D. Mds., pkgs., 7  
Groat, Quincy Co. Cutlery, cks., 8  
Hartley & Graham, Guns, cks., 1  
Mds., pkgs., 2  
Moss, F. W. Files, cks., 3  
McKinney, A. A. Casks, 2  
McCoy & Saunders, Casks, 4  
Cutlery, cks., 1  
Mount, J. T. Pkgs., 3  
Merchandise Dis. Co. Guns, cks., 10  
Peters Bros. Mds., pkgs., 3  
Planquo, L. De Cases, 10  
Pim, Fordward & Co. Pkgs., 71  
Rogers, H. A. Cases, 2  
Schroeder, Daly & Cases, 13  
Steglich & Baese, Whistons, cks., 6  
Winchester Arms Co. Guns, cks., 2  
Witte J. G. & Co. Mds., pkgs., 13  
Wieland & Hilger, Hdwr. Co. Cutlery and hdwr., pkgs., 57  
Order, Guns, cks., 9  
Cases, 13  
Pkgs., 35  
Files, casks, 25

**Iron.**  
Bank of New York, Hoops, bds., 18,851  
Bank of Nevada, Scrap rails, 2669  
Baring Bros. Bars, 1593  
Hopkins, E. T. Bundles, 882  
Justice, F. S. Wire rope, coils, 2  
Kenan, Macleod & Kuhne, Mach'y, pkgs., 69  
Lang W. Bradley & Co. Bars, 472  
Lundberg Gus, Bars, 5175  
Colls, 272  
Moore's J. B. & Co. Bars, 1054  
Colls, 789  
Mason, J. W. Wire rope, coils, 4  
Naylor & Co. Spiegel, lots, 2  
14,895  
Maitland, Phelps & Co. Scrap tons, 1  
Patterson, Reid & Co. Mach'y, cks., 2

# COAL.

Trade during the past week has not been materially different from that of the week before. While every one is busy filling orders, and so far as possible, taking care of the Coal coming down, there are some who complain that new orders do not come in with the rapidity that is desirable. Others report that they have all that they can do to fill the orders that are now coming in.

From one party we hear that the manufacturing sizes are somewhat slow, and that in consequence they are breaking up their larger sizes into stove, &c., and so disposing of their surplus which they would otherwise have. On the other hand, we find dealers who say that an increased demand, especially from the East, has recently sprung up. These gentlemen say that the Eastern market is pretty bare of Coal, and manufacturers, seeing that freights have come down to reasonable figures, are coming in and taking Coal as they can get it. It may be said in explanation that the hard coals in the large sizes are still scarce, and it is reported that orders cannot be placed for them. The domestic Coals are in good demand, especially in and about the city, where the retail trade is brisk. The Coal papers are encouraged that there is no weakening in the market and because prices are firm, and we think they have good cause to be. One of the last tonnage reports shows that the output for the last week reported was no less than 684,000 tons. This is an increase of nearly 100,000 tons over the same week last year. Prices are unchanged. The harder coals are firm at the circular rates. Free-burning stove, though quoted at \$4.45, is selling at \$4.25, and the other sizes in about the same proportions. Lehigh Lump is quoted at \$5 @ \$5.40; Grate and Egg, \$4.40; Stove, \$4.45; and Chestnut of all kinds, \$4 @ \$4.15; Free-burning, Lump and Grate, \$4; Egg, \$4.10 @ \$4.20; Stove, \$4.35. Freights are unchanged, with Boston quoted at \$1.20. Sound freights are about 5¢ off, with New Haven at 65¢ @ 70¢, and Providence, 85¢ @ 90¢.

# PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St., Philadelphia, October 26, 1880.

**Pig Iron.**—The market continues in a dull and unsettled condition, prices and opinions being almost as varied and as numerous as the brands offered for sale. Some parties are firmer in their views, and are selling more Iron and at higher prices than was possible two or three weeks ago. This is especially the case with the best descriptions of Foundry Iron, which have sold freely at \$25 to \$26, and are not in large supply even at top figures. Others are offering at \$24 and less, without securing much business at the lowest quotations. The wide difference in prices can only be attributed to the determination of consumers to use none but good Iron and such brands as they have been accustomed to use. Hence, some Irons of good quality are offered at \$2 per ton reduction or more, and

not taken, simply because the working quality is not understood, and there is no disposition to try experiments. Consumers have plenty of work on hand at fairly remunerative prices, and they want good Iron, and for something they know all about, price is not of so much consequence as formerly. As compared with last week, there seems to be a slight improvement in Foundry Irons; at any rate favorite brands are inquired for more urgently, and holders ask full prices, and in some cases a fractional advance. These remarks, which are dull and very irregular. No. 2 Foundry has been sold at \$21 @ \$22, and Forge Iron at \$19 @ \$20, the latter, when known, sells fairly at full prices, but a good deal of Iron has been offered at very low prices without finding purchasers. Notwithstanding the irregularity in prices and the undoubted large production, it is not likely that stocks are accumulating to any extent, the increase in consumption being probably equal to imports and production combined. Average prices realized during the week have been as follows: No. 1 Foundry, \$25; No. 2, \$22; Gray Forge, \$20, with occasional sales at \$1 higher, others at \$1 lower, according to character of Iron; Charcoal Iron, \$35 @ \$38; Bessemer nominal at \$25. Scotch Scrap, \$21 @ \$24, according to brand. Eglinton sold down to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$24.

**Muck Bars.**—The market has not changed, and \$38 @ \$39, at mill, seems to be the current rate. Sellers are offering freely at the higher figure, but buyers are unwilling to pay more than \$38, at which a moderate amount of business has been done.

**Blooms.**—Holders of the best brands claim to be getting \$67.50 @ \$70 for Charcoal Blooms, but for round lots good buyers can possibly supply their requirements at last week's prices, viz.: Cold-Blast Charcoal Blooms, \$65 @ \$67.50 per ton of 2464 lbs.; Run-out Anthracite, \$55; Sunken Scrap Blooms, \$50 per ton of 2240 lbs.; and Northern Ore Blooms, \$45.50 @ \$47.50.

**Structural Iron.**—There is no change of any importance. The demand for small lots is active and about equal to the output. Inquiries are numerous, and indicate an abundance of work during the winter months. Several large contracts are under negotiation, and the outlook is entirely satisfactory. Angles may be quoted at 2.6¢ @ 2.7¢; Beams, 3¢; Channels and Tees, 5.1¢ @ 3.2¢.

**Plate and Tank Iron.**—There has been a good deal of inquiry during the week and sales to a moderate amount, but prices are irregular and in some cases lower. Prospects are good for an active winter's work, and better prices have been looked for, and a week ago were confidently predicted, but competition on new orders has been so close as to effectually prevent any real improvement. The mills are very full of work, however, and as ship building is likely to become active during the winter, some advance is quite probable. In the meantime quotations are about the same as last week, viz.: Tank Iron, 2.75¢ @ 2.87½¢; C. No. 1, 3.3¢; C. H. No. 1, 3.5¢; Flange Iron, 4¼¢ @ 5¢; Fire Box, 5¼¢ @ 6¢.

**Sheet Iron.**—The demand is fair, and a full average business is being done at unchanged prices. Stocks in manufacturers' hands are pretty well exhausted, and it is expected that consumption during the season will absorb stocks now carried by dealers. Small lots may be quoted as follows:

Common Sheet, No. 26 to 28.....	4½¢
Common Sheet, No. 28 to 30.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 26 to 28.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 28 to 30.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 30 to 32.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 32 to 34.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 34 to 36.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 36 to 38.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 38 to 40.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 40 to 42.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 42 to 44.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 44 to 46.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 46 to 48.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 48 to 50.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 50 to 52.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 52 to 54.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 54 to 56.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 56 to 58.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 58 to 60.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 60 to 62.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 62 to 64.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 64 to 66.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 66 to 68.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 68 to 70.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 70 to 72.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 72 to 74.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 74 to 76.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 76 to 78.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 78 to 80.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 80 to 82.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 82 to 84.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 84 to 86.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 86 to 88.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 88 to 90.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 90 to 92.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 92 to 94.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 94 to 96.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 96 to 98.....	4½¢
Best Sheet, No. 98 to 100.....	4½¢

**Bar Iron.**—There is no change whatever. Prices are steady, the demand fair and prospects quite encouraging. Manufacturers complain that new orders are scarce, but most of them are running full time, and it is certain that consumption is fully maintained. It is quite likely that orders are being held back until after the election, but not at all probable that anything will be gained by the delay. The mills are fairly off for orders, and any increase in the demand will tend to strengthen prices, as there is very little margin at current rates; in fact, it is the general opinion that, in the present condition of the market, neither manufacturers nor dealers have a tenth of a cent profit. A good deal of stress appears to be laid on the election, and if business does not improve after it is over, there will be disappointment all around. Sales during the week have been moderate in amount and at about last week's prices. The nominal rate is 2.4¢, at mill, but for large lots concessions have been made, market closing steady.

**Steel Rails.**—The market seems to be a shade firmer, and \$60 an inside rate for early deliveries. For immediate delivery higher prices would have to be paid; in fact, it would be difficult to place an order of any amount unless for next year's delivery. Sales of two or three lots, aggregating 20,000 tons, have been closed during the week at \$60 at mills on the lakes. Other business is under negotiation for delivery in the same section of country, and several heavy orders are expected to be placed there in course of the next 30 days. The Pennsylvania mills are so loaded with orders that they are almost out of the market, and are not quoting unless to roads in their immediate vicinity. No change in price seems probable, unless in sympathy with foreign markets, which from the most recent advices appear to be somewhat weak. About \$60 at mill for American may be considered a fair quotation, and for foreign Rails same figure at tide.

**Iron Rails.**—The market is firm, with much business being done. Manufacturers find it impossible to turn out Rails at less than \$46 with any margin for profit, and are, therefore, standing out for that as a minimum figure. Foreign Rails can be laid down at lower figures, so that for some deliveries, East, South and Southwest particularly, nearly all the business is going abroad. There are inquiries in to-day for lots amounting to about 12,000 tons, most of

which will probably be given to Pennsylvania mills. Local and Western business appears to be all that ironmasters bid for, the difference in freight enabling them to compete with foreign manufacturers. Sales of light Rails have been made at \$48 @ \$50, according to section, and 50's are firmly held at \$46.

**Old Rails.**—The market is exceedingly dull, and business of importance cannot be done unless at some concessions in price. There is no disposition to purchase unless to cover sales of new Rails, which, for some time past, have been very trifling. We hear of lots in store being offered at \$25.50, but \$26 @ \$26.50 is the usual asking price, and the business done has been at from \$25.50 @ \$26. The market is heavy, and consumers show no disposition whatever to anticipate their requirements.

**Railway Supplies.**—The demand is very satisfactory, but prices are a shade easier, and we hear of sales being made at 10¢ @ 15¢ below the usual asking rates, which are as follows: Spikes, \$2.75; Fish Plates and Splice Bars steady at 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Track Bolts, \$3.75 @ \$4.50, according to specification.

**Scrap Iron.**—The market is irregular and scarcely as firm as last week. Short Scrap sells at \$25 @ \$26.50; Long at \$27 @ \$28; Machinery at about \$20, and Stove Plates, \$16.

**Nails.**—Very irregular, and cannot be quoted with any degree of exactness, although \$3 is the usual asking price.

# PITTSBURGH.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 26, 1880.

Trade in all its varied departments is keeping up well, considering the political excitement, and then the long-continued suspension of river navigation has its effect here in Pittsburgh. As noted in our report of last week, there is a decidedly better feeling since the October elections. After the battle of next Tuesday, and the excitement attending it has subsided, our manufacturers generally look for a largely increased business, as orders that have been held back will then be sent forward, although there is no doubt that a great deal of work held back to await the result of the election will have to go over now until next summer. The demand for iron, in the meantime, will not be as large as it would otherwise have been. From now until next May there will be but little out-door work done in the Western country, but the outlook is favorable for a good business for the season, and our manufacturers, as a rule, are very hopeful of the immediate future. One of the most encouraging features of the times is that business is being conducted on a healthy and legitimate basis; there is an absence of the spirit of overtrading, which was so prevalent a year ago, and, as will be remembered, resulted so disastrously.

**Pig Iron.**—There has been an increased volume of business during the past week, and while prices remain unchanged, there is a better and more confident feeling. It is evident that some consumers are apprehensive of a "spurt" after the election, when, in view of the fact that the mills have been drawing upon their stocks for several weeks past, a largely increased demand is confidently expected; hence, they are anxious to anticipate future wants, and are taking all the desirable lots that can be obtained at bottom prices. The consumption here in Pittsburgh has been unusually large this fall, every available puddling furnace having been in full blast for several months; some of the mills that have been carrying the largest supply of the raw article are almost out, and it is very evident that they will nearly all be obliged to buy more or less before long. This being the case, it is not so strange that consumers are apprehensive of an advance, and are buying all they can obtain that is offered at anything of a bargain. There has been considerable Iron sold during the past week or two of which no report was made, having been suppressed either at the instance of the buyer or seller, and the increased inquiry and sales have, as might be expected, produced a more confident feeling. Some mill owners are anticipating future wants, as they are apprehensive that, in the event of an increased demand, higher prices may follow. Forge Irons may be quoted as follows: \$20 @ \$21, 4 mos., for Cold short; \$22 @ \$23 for Neutral; \$23 @ \$24 for cinder-mixture Red-short; \$25 @ \$26 for all ore ditto, and \$27 @ \$28 for Bessemer. We can report a sale of 1000 tons Neutral at \$22.50, 4 mos.; Foundry grades, \$23 @ \$25 for Nos. 2 and 1.

**Manufactured Iron.**—Some mill owners report a slight improvement in the demand, while others make a different statement, but all agree that there is a more cheerful feeling. There is reason to believe that many large orders have been held in abeyance in consequence of the Presidential struggle, and the work of outdoor construction having been delayed until the fine weather has passed, will have to go over now until next spring; but the work of getting the material can be pushed forward in the meantime, and it is probable that some large contracts for bridge and architectural purposes will be placed within the next few weeks. Merchant Bars may be quoted at 2.15¢ @ 2.25¢ rates, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash; Sheet, 4¢ @ 4.10¢ for No. 24; Skelp, 3.05¢ @ 3.40¢; Plate and Tank, 3¢ @ 3.25¢; Hoop, 3¢ @ 3.20¢.

**Nails.**—The market continues dull, as it usually is at this season of the year, and it is not likely that there will be any change for the better until January or February, when orders for the spring trade will commence to come forward. Some of the factories are still in operation, but they are working on old contracts or "piling up," as there are very few fresh orders coming forward. Prices are irregular, and while the card remains unchanged, sales are being made as low as \$2.65 @ \$2.75, net cash.

**Railway Supplies.**—Steel Rails, in the absence of sales, are quotable at \$60 @ \$65, cash at mill, according to time of delivery. The mill here is said to be sold up until next summer, and it is very difficult to place an order for delivery this year at any price, as the mills are all oversold. Railway Spikes,

2.65¢ @ 2.75¢, 30 days; Fish Bars, 2.25¢; Track Bolts, 3¼¢ with Square and 4¢ with Hexagon Nuts.

**Wrought Iron Pipe.**—This branch of the Iron business has been an exception to the rule, as there has been scarcely any abatement in the demand. The mills have been, and are still, very busy, and this is almost certain to be the situation until the close of the year. Prices firm but unchanged, 60 @ 65¢ off regular card; Boiler Tubes, 40¢ off. Oil Well Casing is still quoted at 70¢ @ 75¢ per foot, net; and do. Tubing, 21¢ per foot, net.

**Steel.**—Manufacturers generally report that orders have been light for some weeks past. Prices, as is always the case when there is a falling off in the demand, are easier, so far as we can learn there is no more cutting than ordinarily. Desirable orders from large buyers can, as a rule, be placed at from ¼¢ to 1¢ per lb under card rates.

**Muck Bar.**—There have been no sales reported for a considerable time, in the absence of which we quote \$39 @ \$40 per ton, cash, at mill.

**Scrap.**—There is a more confident feeling, and an increased business is looked for within the next few weeks, as consumers generally have light stocks and will be obliged to go on the market before long. Sales of No. 1 Wrought Scrap have been made within the past week at \$28 per ton, and this figure for the time appears to be the top of the market. Old Car Springs and Axles nominal at \$35 @ \$36 per net ton; Old Car Wheels, in the absence of sales, \$32 @ \$33 per gross ton.

**Window Glass.**—While orders have fallen off recently, manufacturers generally still have about all they can do. No change in card or discounts for some time past. It is claimed that the margin for profit at current rates is small, and, owing to the competition with French Glass, there is no chance to advance prices.

**Coke.**—Business is restricted somewhat by the difficulty in obtaining rail transportation; operators generally report that they are unable to obtain as many cars as they would like to have; the railroads here are all crowded with business. The improvement in the Pig Iron outlook will no doubt stimulate the Coke market, as it will cause an increased demand, but prices remain as last quoted—\$1.40 @ \$1.50 per ton, free on cars at ovens.

**Coal.**—Railway operators are all very busy, as they usually are at this season of the year, and prices are firm in consequence. The continued suspension of river navigation tends to increase the business of the railway mines, although the down river markets are reported as having stocks of Pittsburgh Coal sufficient to last them from 60 to 90 days yet. The mines on the Monongahela are not doing much for want of empty craft. The prospect at the present writing is that there will be a freshet before long, as there usually is about this time.

**Petroleum.**—There has been very little change in this important article during the past week. Business, legitimate as well as speculative, keeps up very well, but prices to the producer continue unremunerative, and it is not reasonable to look for much, if any, improvement while the production continues so largely in excess of the consumption, as is the case at present. As regards refined there is nothing new or important to note; there is a steady demand for home consumption, but there is very little being made here for export.

# CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts., Chattanooga, Oct. 25, 1880.

Trade, especially in crude material, has had a boom during the week just closed. Foundries and mills had used their stocks down to the smallest proportions, and have been ordering from every direction in liberal quantities. A large number of orders from the South and West remain over to be filled. Of course there is no falling off in rates for any kind of goods when material is in such request. The streams are too low for ready and profitable boating.

**Pig Iron.**—Stocks of No. 1 Foundry are exhausted. Neither dealers nor furnacemen hold any on hand. Several small orders remain to be filled. No. 2 Foundry and No. 1 Mill are also scarce. Prices are strong at last quotations. We quote: No. 1 Foundry, \$25 @ \$27; No. 2 Foundry, \$23 @ \$25; Gray Forge, \$20 @ \$22; White and Mottled, \$18 @ \$20; Car Wheel Metal, \$40 @ \$45.

**Miscellaneous Articles.**—Old Rails continue in liberal supply. Track renewals are being pushed on all the roads. We continue to quote at \$22 @ \$26; Wrought Scrap, \$20 @ \$24; Cast, \$15 @ \$17; Old Wheels, \$28 @ \$30.

**Ores.**—There has not been a perceptible change in Ores for some time. Nearly all the furnaces depending on the market are on supplies contracted for in 1879. We quote: 50% Brown Hematite, per ton, \$2 @ \$2.75; Red Fossil, \$2 @ \$2.25.

**Nails.**—Are strong at 3.25¢ rates; usual discount on 200-kg lots and for cash.

**Manufactured Iron.**—All finished articles rule steady. We quote: Bar, \$2.40; Railroad Spikes, \$3; Track Bolts, \$4; Trestle Bolts, \$4.50; Fish Plate, \$2.50. Bar is stiff at quotation.

**Coal.**—The only difficulty in the Coal market is in lack of transportation to meet the capacity of mines now worked. We quote run of mine at \$1.65 @ \$1.75 at mills; Lump, 12¢ @ 15¢ at yard.

**Coke.**—Furnace Coke, \$3 per ton at furnace; Foundry, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

**Steel and Iron Rails.**—Steel Bars have slightly strengthened and are quotable at \$62.50 for American makes, \$60 for foreign. Iron, \$48 @ \$50; Small T is firm at \$55. Southern mills are full of orders for 60 to 90 days ahead.

**Lead.**—We quote: Pig Lead, 4½¢ @ 5¢. Steel—Plover Slabs, 3 in. and under, \$4.70; Black Diamond, ordinary sizes, 13¢.

# CLEVELAND.

OCTOBER 25.—The market for metal has shown more life than for some time past, consumers showing a disposition to take con-

siderable quantities, and concessions of 25¢ @ 50¢ per ton under prices named in last week's report. It is fair to state, however, that the buying comes from those who are sanguine of Republican success next month. In anthracite Irons the transactions have taken place on basis of \$25, a shade under 4 mos., for No. 1; \$23, 4 mos., for No. 2, and \$21, 4 mos., for Forge. In Bituminous metal from Lake Superior Ores there have been considerable contracts closed at prices ranging from \$22, 4 mos., for Cinder Mixed, to \$24, 4 mos., for all ore. In Bessemer Pig for Bessemer purposes we hear of no actual business, but considerable inquiry, and we hope by another week to note sales of this grade. In Charcoal Lake Superior Pig the buying is and has been quite steady for some time, prices ranging about \$34 for No. 1, and \$37 @ \$40 for the Car Wheel and Malleable grades.

There is no change to note in the market for Iron Ores. The call for ores suitable for fixing is the chief inquiry, and the supply is at present barely equal to the demand. The call from furnaces is confined to ores for making red-short Mill Irons. Prices same, as our last.

# BOSTON.

OCTOBER 23.—The demand for raw Irons has been only of moderate proportions, but the Bulletin noted that there appeared to be a little more confidence at the close of last week, and the recent tendency toward lower prices appears now to have been checked. Buyers themselves have this impression, but have not yet obtained sufficient confidence to operate freely. But there has been a large and steady consumption of Iron in the midst of the dull trade of the last two months, and supplies in the hands of consumers cannot be large as a rule. We quote American Pig Iron, at \$25 @ \$26 for No. 1 X; \$20.50 @ \$21.50 for No. 2 X, and \$19 @ \$20.50 for Gray Forge. These prices are f. o. b. at the port of shipment. Small spot lots will command \$2 per ton higher. Freights on pig Iron from New York to Boston are \$1.35 @ \$1.40 per ton. Foreign Pig is also steadier and in better demand. We quote: \$21 @ \$22 for Eglinton; \$22 @ \$23 for Gleggarnock and Gartsherrie, \$24 @ \$25 for Coltness and Langloan. We quote English Pig Iron at \$20 @ \$21 for No. 1 Clarence and \$19 @ \$20 for No. 3 ditto. Old Rails continue dull and nominal at \$28 @ \$30 for American and \$25 @ \$27 for foreign. Manufactured Iron is in moderate demand from the stores, and prices are without much change. Nails have been somewhat weak of late, and there has been some disposition to cut prices. We quote Bars at \$2.35 for Best Refined, and \$2.20 for Common. We quote Norway at \$4.15 for Bars and \$5.15 for Shapes; Nails at \$3.15 per keg. Plates at 3¼¢ for Tank, 3½¢ for C. No. 1, 3¾¢ for C. H. No. 1 Shell, and 4¼¢ @ 5¢ for C. H. No. 1 Flange. Copper has shown no change and continues quiet and fairly steady at 18½¢ @ 18¾¢ for round lots of Lake, and 18¼¢ @ 18½¢ for Baltimore. Buyers are not yet disposed to operate with any degree of freedom. A moderate jobbing trade prevails at 10¢ @ 20¢ for Lake and 18½¢ @ 19¢ for other brands. There has been no change in the combination prices of Manufactured Copper. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 26¢; Braziers', 28¢, and Bolts, 28¢; Bottoms, 31¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 17¢ @ 18¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢, and English Yellow Metal Sheathing, 14¢, in bond. Lead continues dull and rather nominal at 4¼¢ for large lots. Smaller parcels sell from store at 5¼¢ @ 5½¢. The prices of manufactures are unchanged, as follows: Bar, 6½¢; Pipe, 6½¢; Sheet, 7¢; Tin-lined Pipe, 15¢; Tin Pipe, 40¢; all less 10¢ to the trade. No. 1 Solder, 11½¢. Spelter continues slow of sale and we quote 5¢ @ 5½¢ for Western, and 4¼¢ @ 5¢ for Remeted. Retail lots command ¼¢ above these figures. Tin has been active and higher on the other side of the water, but the market here has refused to respond, and we continue to quote Straits dull and nominal at 10½¢ @ 20¢. Retail lots command 20½¢ @ 21¢. Tin Plates have been dull and tending downward. We quote large lots as follows: Charcoal Tin—Melyn grade at \$6.25 @ \$6.50 for I. C., and \$8.25 for crosses; Allway grade at \$5.87½ @ \$6 for I. C., and \$7.50 @ \$7.75 for crosses. Charcoal Terns at \$5.25 @ \$5.50 for Dean grade, I. C. 14 x 20, and \$11 @ \$11.50 for ditto ditto 20 x 28. Coke Tin at \$5 for B. V. grade I. C. Coke Terns at \$5 for 14 x 20 and \$10.25 @ \$10.50 for 20 x 28.—Commercial Bulletin.

# CINCINNATI.

OCTOBER 25.—The Pig Iron market is very quiet; sales during the past week have been confined to car-load lots and to meet the immediate wants of smaller consumers. This class of trade consumes very largely of the production in this region, hence the accumulation is not large. Prices are firm and quotable as follows:

Hanging Rock Charcoal Hot-blast	\$7.00 @ \$7.50
Foundry, 4 months, f. o. b.	\$7.00 @ \$7.50
Hanging Rock Charcoal Cold-blast	\$7.00 @ \$7.50
"Car Wheel".....	38.00 @ 42.00
Hanging Rock Coke Foundry.....	26.00 @ 26.50
Hanging Rock Stonecoal Foundry, No. 1.....	24.00 @ 24.50
Hanging Rock Stonecoal "T. G. Softeners".....	22.50 @ 23.50

No transactions in Forge Irons to justify quotations. Manufactured Iron.—Mills are well supplied with orders and prices very firm at \$2.25 and \$2.30, card rate.

# LOUISVILLE.

Messrs. GEO. H. HULL & Co., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of October 22: There is more inquiry for Iron during the last few days, and some considerable sales have been made, but prices are lower than two weeks ago. We quote for cash as follows:

FOUNDRY IRONS.	
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Charcoal.....	\$28.00 @ 29.00
No. 2 ".....	27.00 @ 28.00
No. 1 Southern, Charcoal.....	24.00 @ 25.00
No. 2 ".....	23.00 @ 24.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke.....	24.00 @ 25.00
No. 2 Hanging Rock, Stonecoal and Coke.....	23.00 @ 24.00
No. 1 Southern, Stonecoal and Coke.....	24.00 @ 25.00
No. 2 ".....	23.00 @ 24.00
"American Scotch".....	23.00 @ 25.00
Silver Gray.....	22.00 @ 24.00
Scotch.....	18.00 @ 20.00







## INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

## CONNECTICUT.

The Norwalk Iron Works Company have shipped recently three car loads of machinery, comprising one of their 20 x 24 inch compound air compressors with two 50 horse-power boilers, large air receiver, heater, steam pumps, &c. to the New York Iron Mine, Ishpeming, Michigan, of which Hon. Samuel J. Tilden is principal owner, it being a complete air compressing outfit for working rock drills and other mining machinery in their mines.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The John Russell Cutlery Company, of Turner's Falls, have just finished a new building for the manufacture of pocket cutlery and flat ware, 215 by 35 feet and 3 stories high. This action was necessitated by their rapidly increasing trade in this branch of their business. They will make from 200 to 300 different kinds of pocket cutlery. The concern is running full time with a full complement of hands, some 700 in all. They are turning out their usual line of goods, some 2500 different styles, which includes everything in the way of cutlery.

South Abington shipped for the week ending October 13, 1880, 1044 boxes, 55 kegs and 29 cases of tacks, nails, shanks and eyelets.

The Greenfield Tool Company was established in 1851 and employ about 75 hands. Their specialties are table cutlery, ox shoes and planes and molding tools for carpenters' use. They have been running on solid-handled goods for 6 or 7 years, but have lately engaged also in the manufacture of "scale-tang" goods. The Greenfield planes have long enjoyed a high reputation, and are to be found on carpenters' benches throughout the length and breadth of the land. Three or four large and conveniently-arranged buildings are occupied for the various kinds of work. These contain all modern machinery, which is operated by steam power. All work is warranted first-class. The establishment is now running full time and is behind with orders.

Although troubled by low water, the Henry Seymour Cutlery Company, of Holyoke, are running full time, and are turning out their usual lines of goods. The company produce first class shears and scissors, which are in demand all over the country. Their factory is well adapted for their purposes.

A new concern, though a thriving one, is the Greenfield Co-operative Manufacturing Company, established in March last. They employ 40 hands, and make a line of table cutlery, bread, butcher and kitchen knives. These goods are sold in New York city, and from thence are distributed all over the country. Their factory is 125 x 25 feet, two stories high, with an addition of one story. The office is 20 by 35 feet. A boiler of 50-horse-power generates the steam and a 40-horse-power engine furnishes the motive power for the establishment. The company manufacture medium goods, with wood and bone handles, well made and finely finished, and have a capacity for turning out 30 gross per day.

## NEW YORK.

The Durhamville Glass Works, established in 1818, are now in blast. Messrs. Fox & Co., the proprietors, announce that they are now building an additional window glass factory, with a capacity equal to their present ten-pot furnace.

The annual report of the Third Avenue Railroad, of New York city, to the State engineer is as follows: Capital, \$2,000,000; paid, \$2,000,000; funded debt, \$2,000,000; rate of interest, 7.70; passengers carried, 28,867,193; total cost of maintaining road and real estate, \$51,476.46; expense of operating road and for repairs, \$794,584.54; receipts from passengers, \$1,343,359.67; from other sources, \$335,019.46. Payments for transportation expenses, maintenance and repairs, \$794,584.54; for interest, \$140,000; for dividends, \$420,000; for coupon bonds purchased, \$16,000; cash on hand, \$397,794.59.

John W. Smith and others are named as trustees of the Rochester Grape Sugar Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company have elected as directors Messrs. W. B. Dickerman, Lewis A. Hall, Henry A. Root, Thomas A. Painter, Jr., M. Furman Hunt, Charles R. Flint, J. C. Hoagland, William Turnbull, R. F. Choate, C. L. Dee, R. C. Shannon, R. F. Sears and Edward H. Tobey. Mr. C. R. Flint, who is a partner of W. R. Grace, of New York, has been made temporary president of the board of directors and E. T. Choate, secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

A beginning has been made in lamp goods at the new factory of Whitney Bros., at Glassboro, and a general line of flintware will be taken up.

The statement is authoritatively denied that Messrs. Hay & Co. were about to start another bottle factory at Winslow.

A company has been organized at Newark for the manufacture of stoves.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Messrs. Obert & Son, of the Union Boiler Works, have shipped twelve cylinder boilers to the Colebrook furnaces, in Lebanon County. Each boiler is 60 feet in length by 48 inches in diameter, and a large number of employees were engaged many weeks in their construction.

The coal product of the Schuylkill region for the week ending October 16, was 174,773 tons, as against 80,068 tons for the week previous, and 164,528 tons for the corresponding week of last year. The total product for the week was 585,187 tons, against 530,608 tons for the same week of last year, an increase of 54,579 tons. The total output for the year is 17,993,785 tons, against 20,620,712 tons for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 2,727,127.

A stock company is being formed at Litis to manufacture plows.

Work at the Crane Iron Company's furnaces, at Catasauqua, is being pushed forward rapidly. No. 3 furnace is filling and will be lighted soon. The pillars for the new No. 1 furnace are already in place. New boilers for furnaces 4 and 5 are being placed

in position. The new stack for these boilers is 130 feet high.

The machinery in the nail plate mill of the Pottstown Iron Company is undergoing a complete overhauling, under the direction of Mr. Mourey Nicolls, master machinist of the company. To the uninitiated the place looks like the debris of such a works after an earthquake had opened under it, but to the men who are handling the massive pieces of iron, &c., everything is in its place temporarily, and will be placed permanently when the proper time comes. Mr. Nicolls has a large force of hands at work. In consequence of these repairs the nail factory is not running this week.—Reading Times and Dispatch.

Mann's ax factory, near Lewistown, is filling a large order for double-bitted axes, to go to Brazil for use in felling mahogany trees.

The new chimney house at Phillipsburg, on the Lake Erie Railroad, is doing a large business and turning out a fine line of goods.

The Philadelphia and Reading coal tonnage for the week ending October 16 was 202,891 tons, as compared with 189,999 tons for a corresponding period last year. The total tonnage for the year to the above date is 5,992,896, as against 7,016,210 tons for a corresponding time in 1879, or a decrease of 1,023,313 tons. At the present rate of tonnage, however, the above decrease will be considerably lessened. The policy of the company seems to be restriction in shipments.

The ax and hoe works of Hubbard, Bakewell & Co., in Beaver Falls, are turning out about 1000 planters' hoes per day, besides running the ax department to its fullest capacity.

The Bethlehem Iron Company, in one week recently, turned out 2909 tons of steel ingots, the largest output ever reached by any company, either in this country or in the old countries.

## PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Messrs. Edeburn & Cooper, civil and hydraulic engineers of this city, have been employed by the authorities of Wellsville, Ohio, to prepare plans and specifications for, and to superintend the building of, water works for their city.

All the glass works on the South Side are now in active operation. All these are not running full, however, some running at only half their capacity.

Lewis, Oliver & Phillips are running the electric light through their mills on the South Side. They have purchased the apparatus which was formerly in use at the Exposition.

In about 10 days the new glass furnace of Messrs. J. T. & A. Hamilton will be completed.

The Beaver Falls Co-operative Company are running steadily, but are unable to keep up with their orders.

We learn that Mr. John Nicholson, Jr., inventor of the gas furnace, is about to put up two puddling furnaces of this kind for the National Tube Works Company.

Messrs. Agnew & Brown are running their glass factory full, and report the demand for glass balls very good.

The Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company, Limited, are doing a first-class business, and reports indicate that pots of their manufacture stand excellently.

## OHIO.

Rolling mill crays are being manufactured to a large extent at the Anchor Soapstone Works at Cincinnati during the past year. Mr. D. W. Steward, the proprietor, informs us that the demand for this article for marking sheet iron has been largely increased, for which reason the works at this time are confined almost exclusively to that article. Besides the rolling mill crays, he manufactures soapstone griddles, wash tubs, foot warmers, sinks and a variety of other articles, including soapstone dust for use in foundry facings, &c. The works are now running to their fullest capacity upon orders which are not likely to be completed this year.

After making several improvements at Mary Furnace, at Lowellville, owned by the Ohio Iron and Steel Co., the blast was put on on the 7th inst., and from the first two weeks' run most successful results were obtained. The furnace made uniformly No. 1 open foundry after the third cast, and has averaged considerably over 28 tons per day.

The Mowry Car and Wheel Works, Cincinnati, have sold their car shops to the Cincinnati Street Railroad Company. The car-wheel foundry is retained, however, and the company will continue to manufacture wheels.

The Chisholm Steel Shovel Works, of Cleveland, are putting in machinery for the manufacture of welded and riveted strap shovels, in addition to those already made. The building to be occupied by this machinery is a two-story brick about 35 x 75 feet, and is connected with their present works by a covered way. The demand for their shovels is steadily increasing—as is also the territory through which their sales extend. This has rendered necessary an increase of 50 per cent. in the capacity of the manufactory.—Trade Review.

It is intended that the Wm. Anson Wood Reaper and Mower Works, Youngstown, shall be put in operation by the first of December.

Messrs. Moell & Thompson, manufacturers of iron roofing and siding, Cleveland, report four orders aggregating 180 tons.

Coe & Welles, Painesville, are making a specialty of saw-mill work and small engines. They are now building engines to be sent to Florida for saw-mill purposes, and are enlarging their works and force of men to meet the increased demand upon them.

The Phoenix Iron Works Company, Ashabula, manufacturers of special machinery, such as friction pulleys, elevators, &c., are very much crowded with work. They are employing from 15 to 18 men and work overtime. They are having a pump factory added to their works.

The machine shops of Duvall & Co., Zanesville, are running 15 hours a day. Portable engines constitute their specialty.

Monitor Furnace, making car wheel iron, is making an average of 56 tons per week.

The Portsmouth Foundry and Machine Works are now running a force of 15 hands

in their newly arranged department for shaping and finishing agricultural implement steel plates.

Glasgow Furnace, near Newcomerstown, has started up.

Lee Furnace, at Monday Creek, is averaging 210 tons per week.

## KENTUCKY.

Bellefonte Furnace is averaging 12 tons per day.

Mount Savage will probably not blow out before Feb. 1. She is averaging 12 tons.

## ILLINOIS.

We hear that a copper rolling mill is projected in Chicago, and that a site has been already purchased.

The barb wire manufactories of Chicago are very full of business, and all are running overtime.

John Featherstone, proprietor of the Columbia Iron Foundry, has recently been making extensive additions to his works on the North Branch.

A new brass foundry has been started in Chicago by Messrs. Anderson & Bros., and is already doing a very prosperous business. Smith & O'Leary, proprietors of the Steam Hammer Forge Works, on West Lake street, report an unusual rush of work. They are running 35 hands overtime. This firm began making steel castings some time ago, and at present they have more work than they can attend to.—Chicago Industrial World.

The Union Iron and Steel Co.'s large shops for the manufacturing of railroad frogs and crossings are about completed.

The Big Muddy Furnace, located at Grand Tower, which was built several years ago but had never been put in blast, was blown in recently, and is now in full operation.

## MICHIGAN.

The Portage Lake Mining Gazette gives the following as the yield for the first six months of the large producing copper mines of that district: Calumet and Hecla, 9708 1/2 tons; Osceola, 992 1/2 tons; Atlantic, about 792 tons; Quincy, 764 1/2 tons; Franklin, 799 1/2 tons. The Calumet and Hecla will enter the year 1881 the most completely equipped mine under ground and on the surface, in the way of extensive and efficient machinery, of any similar industry in the world.

The Commonwealth Mine, as we learn from the Monominee Range, was closed down September 15 and the men discharged. The reason stated is that they have all the ore in stock pile that they can ship this season, and it is not proposed to run the mine the coming winter, as the ore can be mined next season as fast as shipped.

The copper rolling mill of the Native Copper Works, at Houghton, Lake Superior, is in full operation. The managers are now constructing a furnace on their premises for melting the scrap made in the mill.

## MISSOURI.

The Cleveland Co-operative Stove Company are fully at work at their new foundry in St. Louis.

The Sligo Furnace, in Crawford County, was put in blast on Thursday of the present week, and is now running very satisfactorily. The Sligo is the largest charcoal furnace in Missouri.

The Great Western Glass Works, St. Louis, are running full time on druggists' and similar lines of ware.

The rolling mill of the St. Louis Stamping Company is in full and most active operation, manufacturing sheet iron for their particular business. Important improvements and additions have been, and are yet, being made there, which will largely increase their facilities for production. Business is equally brisk at their stamping works, and immense quantities of stamped granite hollow-ware and other articles are being daily turned out there. In their entire establishment they give constant employment to about 800 hands.—Age of Steel.

The Western Iron Boat Building Company are adding largely of machinery and other facilities to their already extensive establishment in South St. Louis, to enable them to keep up with the demands made upon them and for the disposition of business.

## WISCONSIN.

The North Star Iron Works Company—a new corporation—inform us that they have purchased machine shops in Milwaukee, together with a full set of new and improved tools and patterns, and intend to make the building of Corliss engines and boilers a specialty. They employ 125 men, and are running their shops night and day. They report that they have orders to keep them busy for over three months. This company is made up entirely of Milwaukee parties.

## LABOR AND WAGES.

An advertisement of the Pennsylvania Railroad offering cheap rates to iron workers from this city to Chattanooga, Tenn., appeared in several of the daily papers of this city the past week. We are unable to understand the object of this inducement; we can only look upon it as being a modern movement on the part of combined capital to beguile labor to a section of country where there is no demand for a single ironworker. The ironworkers of Chattanooga saw fit to organize under our banner some time ago, and upon being found out the different firms combined to crush the lodge in its infancy. In this they failed, as the lodge exists and is in a flourishing condition, and so far as we know, everything is lovely at Chattanooga, with every situation in the mills filled. We embrace this opportunity to warn all ironworkers against being hoodwinked to Chattanooga by cheap rates. There is not one vacancy there for an ironworker, and the only conclusion to be drawn from the cheap rate advertisement is that they want to supplant those now there by non-union men. Keep away from Chattanooga.—Labor Tribune.

The Hocking Valley, Ohio, coal miners struck for and received an advance of 10 cents per ton, making the present price 80 cents per ton.

The latest news from the Corning mines, in the Hocking coal region, Ohio, is that all the State troops, except one company, have been withdrawn and everything at that

point was quiet. The negro miners are gradually thinning out, and it is thought if all the troops are withdrawn all the colored miners will leave. The mines of a Mr. Longstreth, in the same region, which are being worked exclusively by whites brought from other States, were invaded Saturday by about 1000 strikers from other mines. Bloodshed was at one time imminent and only prevented by the arrival of the sheriff and three companies of State troops. The contest between the strikers and operators is not ended.

The strike of the steel melters at Miller, Metcalf & Parkin's, Pittsburgh, of which a full account was given in our last issue, still continues and has resulted in the stoppage of some of the other parts of the mill. The strikers do not attempt to answer the statement of the firm, but confine themselves to assertions that the demand for a reduction was unwarranted.

There is a disagreement between the miners and operators of the Borland shaft at Steubenville with regard to what price shall be paid per ton. A strike has been averted by both parties agreeing to submit the matter to D. R. Jones, of Pittsburgh, and abide by his decision.

The strike of the coal miners on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near Pittsburgh, is still dragging along. It is reported that the miners at the Osceola and Armstrong mines, who struck for 3 1/2 cents, have gone back to work at their old figure. The reason assigned is the action of the miners further up the road, who refuse to come out and can supply the market. The miners are willing to make a difference of one half cent a bushel in favor of coal sent East.

Recent dispatches say that about 500 union men are on a strike at the South Side Rolling Mills in Chicago, because the company refused to turn out a non-union man and put in his place a union man. An entire force of non-unionists has been put on and the mills started again on one-third time. Police are present to prevent trouble.

## The Seawanhaka's Boilers.

Men have for weeks been employed with sledges, chisels and giant powder breaking up the metallic skeleton of the steamer Seawanhaka on the sunken meadows off Randall's Island. The old Hoboken ferryboat Chancellor Livingston has been run along side, and pieces of iron and copper from the wreck are fast covering her decks. Whatever examinations have heretofore been made were at a decided disadvantage. The shell of the boiler remaining intact, it was only by crawling through the manhole that any idea of the condition of the flues and tubes could be obtained, and then only imperfectly.

It is not a flattering commentary on the methods of coroners' inquests that, where over 40 lives had been sacrificed, a jury should content themselves with an outside examination of the boiler. Had they stripped off the shell they would have discovered a break in one of the flues which throws some light on the cause of the accident. There are eight large circular flues to the starboard boiler, the outside one of which, at the point where it joins the back flue sheet, is cracked and torn nearly half way round. The rent begins in a narrow seam close to the flue sheet, but in the middle of it is a gap so large that one can easily put his hand through it.

Mr. Gregory, the present owner of the wreck, states that the boilers were made of a very poor quality of iron. Originally the iron of the flue was three-sixteenths of an inch thick, but in some places near the break it is not now more than one-sixteenth of an inch. The break gave every indication of an explosion. The force which broke it was evidently from the inside of the flue, since the jagged ends turn outward. A few inches from the place of the break the flue has at some time been patched, a fact which has not been developed by the official examinations. The patch is riveted to the flue, and covers the space of about half a foot. Until some better reason is put forward, the presence of that patch will be taken as an argument for the weakness of the iron.

The hole above described was not more than 8 inches from the patch, and the wearing-out process must have been going on for a considerable time. Mr. Gregory could not say how much the break had to do with the accident, but an expert could easily determine. If the break occurred before the fire it certainly is large enough to have admitted the water and caused a back draft. That a back draft created the fire is the opinion of four-fifths of the experts who have testified since the catastrophe. The importance of Mr. Gregory's discovery becomes all the greater when it is remembered that on the 10th of August last the United States Grand Jury found indictments for manslaughter against the following persons: Austin Jayne and Andrew Craft, inspectors of life boats, rafts and life preservers; John K. Matthews and Alexander Cauldwell, inspectors of boilers and machinery of steam vessels; Charles P. Smith, captain and master of the Seawanhaka; Benjamin C. Kirk, S. L. M. Barlow, Stephen Tabor, James Udal, Edward Morgan, Silas Mott and Stephen H. Townsend, owners of the Seawanhaka.

A suit for infringement was brought in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, by the Chalmers Spence Co., against J. Newton Pierce et al. of Philadelphia, and on a motion for a preliminary injunction before Judge McKenna on the 9th inst., the pretension that there could be a patent on an "air space" was not obtained. The Court held that "there is but a single question, and that a very narrow one, involved in this hearing—it is the devising of the jacket and its support upon the outer surface of the boiler to be covered, forming an open framework with meshes, so that the question to be considered comes down to this: Whether the alleged infringing device is substantially different from the one embraced in this patent? We have no doubt that there is no fundamental difference between these devices, and we, therefore, grant the injunction."

## An Extraordinary Railway Accident.

—The New Zealand Herald prints the following account of a strange railway accident: The train which left Graytown for Wellington at 8.30 a. m. on September 12, when just beyond Cross Creek, was blown off the line and hurled over a precipice 70 feet high. The luggage van and passenger carriages were overturned; the couplings did not break, but still held the carriages frames to the engine, which remained tightly gripping the middle rail, and luckily held firm, although swaying visibly under the strain. The whole of the upper part of the carriage, however, was smashed into matchwood and hurled over the precipice, passengers and debris being scattered among boulders down the side of the declivity, but not falling to the bottom. For a while, however, the wreck of carriages hung suspended above them, and had it given way or the engine fallen over, all must have been crushed to a jelly, as the gully at this place converges almost to a point nearly 100 feet below, so that had all gone down they would have been crushed into a compact mass at the bottom. They lay around for a time unconscious, and those who first recovered their senses described the scene as a fearful one—killed and wounded lying around in all directions covered with blood, and the train above suspended in mid-air, threatening every moment to fall on them. A fell brake was detached to run down the incline for assistance. The two produce wagons were also capsize by the gale, and the engine had to sustain a double strain of the several vehicles hanging over the precipice at both ends, full weight on the couplings, which fortunately held fast.

## The Improvement in British Trade.

The official returns of the English Board of Trade afford indications that the business of that country is reviving from its long depression. The increase of imports in September, 1880, over the imports of September, 1879, amounts to £6,551,899, or nearly 24 per cent., and the increase for the first nine months of the year is £50,561,530 or 10 1/2 per cent. An increase of more than \$300,000,000, estimated in our money, is a pretty conclusive proof of awakening business. When we turn from imports to exports we also find an increase, not so large, indeed, for the particular month of September, but in about the same ratio for the first nine months of the year. The exports of England never equal her imports, by reason of her large investments in various foreign countries. The interest or dividends on these investments come back in the shape of commodities, which accounts for the excess of her imports over her exports. It is a healthy indication of reviving business that the Board of Trade returns show an increase of about one-fifth both in imports and exports as compared with the corresponding nine months of 1879.

A strange railway accident occurred recently in England. The Scotch Express left St. Pancras for Edinburgh in good time, and proceeded on its way without any mishap until near the Kibworth Station, when the engineer had occasion to fear that something had gone wrong with the driving gear of the engine. Applying the Westinghouse brake, he pulled up the train; but on examination nothing was found to be wrong. Upon this the train was put in motion again, but from some unexplained cause the driving-gear was reversed, so that on steam being turned on the locomotive, instead of going forward, sent the train backward at a rapid rate, the heavy engine soon developing speed. Neither the engineer, stoker, nor guard, all of whom are said to have had perfect control over the train by means of the continuous brake, discovered the terrible mistake that had been made until it was too late to prevent a collision. The blunder was detected in time to effect a considerable reduction in the speed before the train crashed into another. As it was, two Pullman cars were smashed in and five passengers injured, one so seriously that his life is in danger.

Messrs. Norrington, Sons & Co., English ironmasters, brought suit against Messrs. Peter Wright & Sons, of Philadelphia, to recover upward of \$80,000 damages for a failure to accept 5000 tons of old iron rails, alleged to have been contracted for last January. The evidence showed that certain quantities of the iron were to have been shipped in February, and as the shipments fell below the amount stipulated, the defendants, upon receiving notice of that fact, rescinded the contract of purchase, and refused to accept any more iron. Subsequent shipments were made to this country, but the defendant company refused to accept them. Iron fell rapidly in value, and the plaintiffs claim they were damaged greatly by the failure of Wright & Sons to fulfill the contract. A non-suit was taken by the plaintiffs, and the following paper was appended to the judgment: "Plaintiffs admitting that there is no evidence of notice to the defendants of the omission of the plaintiffs to perform the contract at the time of the notice of rescission, the Court, at the suggestion of the plaintiffs, directs a non-suit, reserving leave to move to take it off."

The process of manufacturing steel by the Bessemer converter has been fittingly illustrated in the gold casket presented by the city of London to Sir Henry Bessemer. It is of solid English design, surmounted by a finely modeled figure of commerce standing between a stack of pig iron and the converter. She commands the invention on account of the impetus that cheap steel gives commercial enterprise. The overflowing cornucopia at the base signifies this success. On either side of the rounded cover are vignettes—in repoussé work—of a London and North-western Railway locomotive—entirely constructed of this steel and standing on its steel rails—and of a steel-clad ship. The two curved ends contain the enameled arms of the city, with the dragons modeled in high relief. On the center panel is the medal Sir H. Bessemer gives annually at the Iron and Steel Institute. The inscription is on the reverse. Shields for the Bessemer arms and monogram complete the whole, which rests on a plateau of Bessemer steel.











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## Self-Education for Workmen.

The session of the Workingmen's College in London was opened on the 7th inst. with an address by James Russell Lowell, United States Minister to Great Britain. In the course of his remarks he said:

Few men knew how much was contained in the simple fact that one was able to read. A man who could read had got to a certain extent all that he needed to make him a scholar. A fellow-countryman of his who was once Minister to Berlin, who knew "little Latin and less Greek," was able, before he died, to translate not only the first part of "Faust," but the second, which was exceedingly difficult, and that was entirely by his own effort in educating himself. If some one were to offer to introduce them to the society of the loftiest intellects and the most select spirits of all time, they would think that was something worth giving a life for. If they were offered a letter of introduction which would persuade Shakespeare and Milton to give their best time and attention, they would say it was impossible. Yet that was precisely what the mere ability to read gave a man. They all had odds and ends of time, and it was precisely in the use of the odds and ends, and not of the great capital of time, that real wisdom was shown. Those who were able to read could choose their own society. They might choose good or indifferent, or even bad. There was a great deal of reading which was waste of time and worse—a kind of reading which enervated the attention and enervated the mind. Since he had been in the country he had seen people walking the streets reading, and reading in railway carriages, and he said to himself, "Here is a people desirous of improving themselves. In America, probably, they would be reading newspapers, but here they read books." But when he had been near enough to see what the book was! One great advantage that our forefathers had was that they had few books, and those were good books. Education was made from them. He was not speaking of scholars or pedants, but of the earlier men of culture of modern times. While our best books were within reach of every one, we were the center of a set of sentiment wires employed to catch the gossip of the earth—impertinent things that were of little importance to-day and none to-morrow. It was said of a man who mastered one book that he became a great bore, and one reason why he became a great bore was that he was so much superior to the people he was in the habit of meeting. He knew one book, and he knew that well. If they read the "Divina Comedia" of Dante they would find they had obtained a liberal education. They would have traveled. "Home-keeping youth have ever homely wits;" but they would have traveled in minds, and that was sometimes of greater advantage than traveling in foreign countries, especially if the minds were great ones, such as he had mentioned. He learned Italian entirely by his interest in Dante, and if they wished to learn a language he would advise them to take some great book. They would only need a dictionary; they would not need a grammar. His own experience was that nine out of ten learned a language better in this way than by learning the grammar. They were saved an infinite deal of time often spent on grammar to no purpose. If they wished to understand a great master they would soon find out the distinction between his indicative and subjunctive, and they would be led to it in an easier and more agreeable way than by the study of grammar. As Milton had said, great books were the true life-blood of master spirits. Goethe, in the second part of "Faust," elaborated the same idea. His friend Mr. Marsh, who was an eminent scholar, told him that a friend of his taught himself Danish in a little town of Vermont, and kept up a correspondence with Danish scholars, and when he went to Denmark they were surprised that he could not pronounce the language. For the pronunciation he admitted a master was desirable. He should advise them to make notes in order to mark their progress.

**New Feed Grinder.**—The Eagle Machine Works, of Cleveland, are manufacturing a new feed grinder for farmers' use which has several features of merit. It is arranged to be run by a single horse, without the aid of a horse-power, and can also be arranged, by putting on a pulley, to be run by a belt from a steam engine or other power. The grinder is claimed to be very durable, economical in its use of power and not to be liable to get out of order. The grinding mechanism consists of two burrs revolving in a vertical plane in the same direction, with one grinding burr, which is held stationary between them, with a grinding surface on each side and an opening in the top to admit the grain. The revolving grinding burrs are held against the stationary burr by a nut on the shaft with which they revolve, which can be tightened or loosened to grind fine or coarse. This arrangement decreases the friction resulting from using a single pair of burrs held together by a set screw, as the pressure resulting from the grinding between one of the revolving burrs and one face of the stationary burr, counterbalances the pressure between the other revolving burr and the other face of the stationary burr, and there is little friction caused by holding the two revolving burrs against the stationary burr, because they revolve with the shaft that holds them together. The grinder is not apt to clog, as the revolving burrs carry in the grain in proportion to the speed at which they run. It is stated that the grinder is easily managed, a boy being able to operate it. These grinders are reported to be very useful for grinding Graham flour and corn meal for house use, as well as grinding grain for stock.

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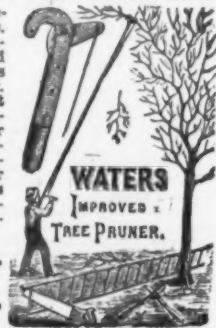
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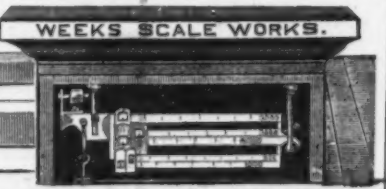


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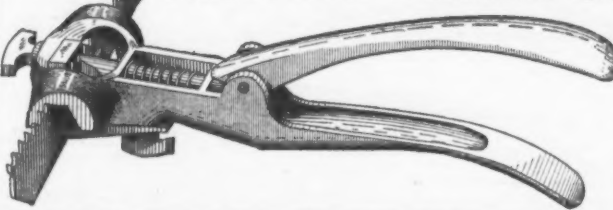
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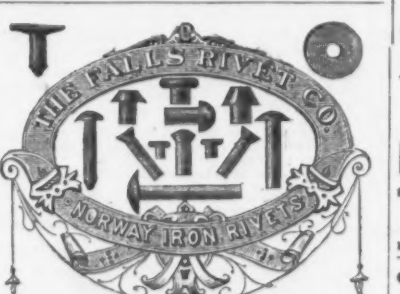
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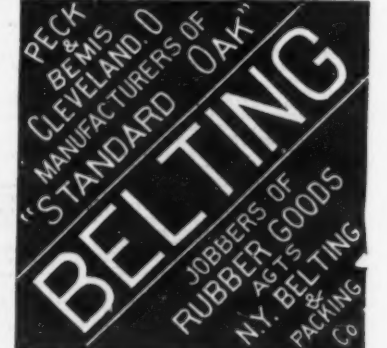
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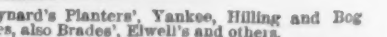
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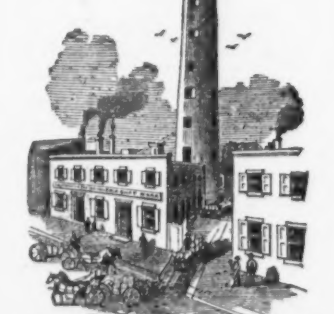
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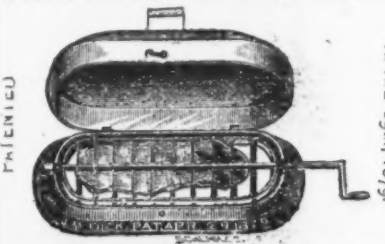
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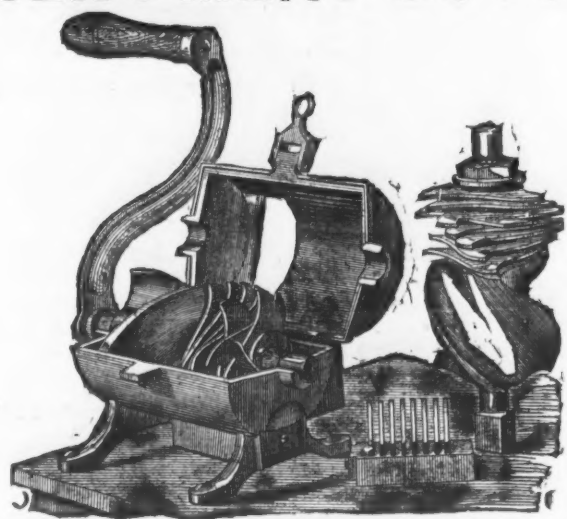
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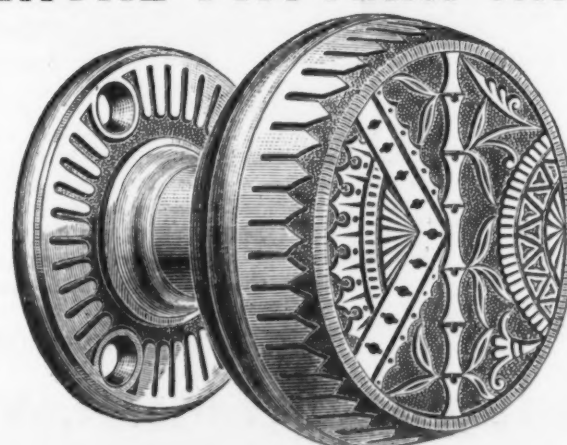
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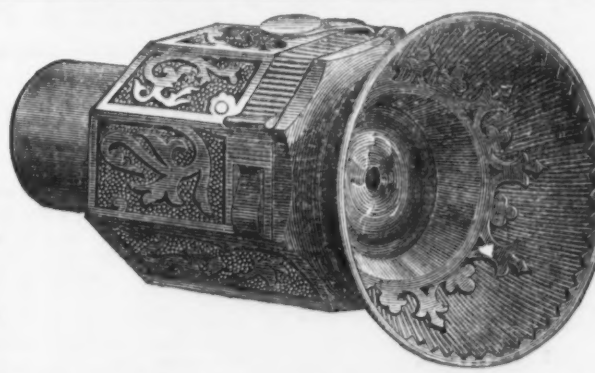
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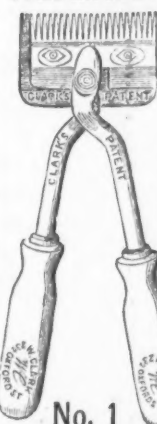


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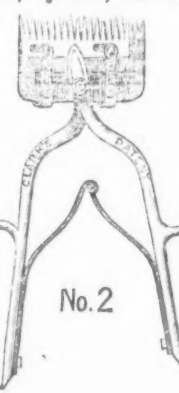
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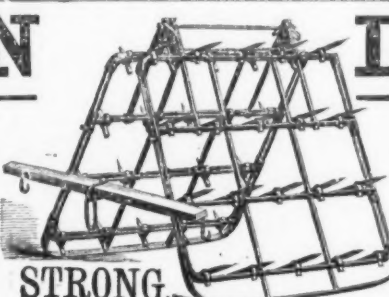
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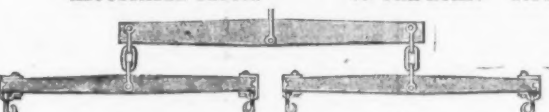
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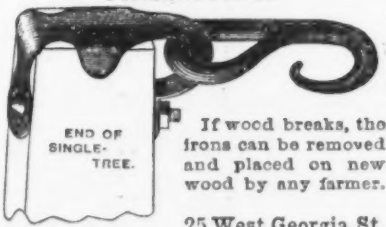
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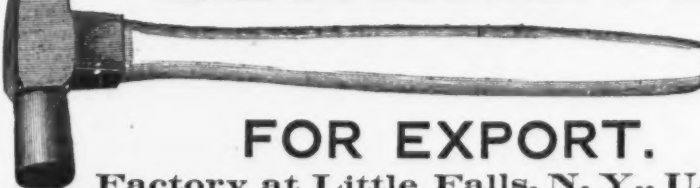
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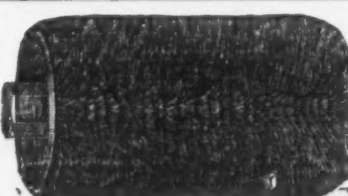
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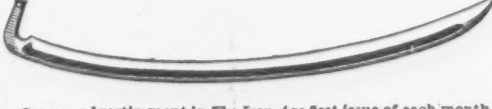


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**Avails.**  
Peter Wrights, 7000... 1000  
Over 250 lbs... 1000  
Eagle (American)... 1000

**Apple Parers.**  
Keystone Centennial, 1875... 4.25  
Reading No. 72... 5.00  
No. 74... 6.00  
No. 75... 7.50  
Rotary Peach Parer... 15.00  
Lots of 10 to 25 dozen special prices.

**Augers and Auger Bits.**  
Hunt's Kentucky and Yankee... per doz \$11.00  
Mann's Red Warrior... 11.00  
Richard Chief... 10.00  
Beveled Axes... add 50c  
Double Bit Axes... net  
Augers and Auger Bits—New List January  
Bates' Nut Augers... dis 40c  
Cook's Augers... dis 40c  
Watson's Ship Augers... dis 15c  
Benjamin Pierce Auger Bits... dis 35c  
Grissold Auger Bits... dis 40c  
Jennings'... dis 10c  
Bonney's Pat. Hol. Augers, list \$18 doz... dis 20c  
Stearns' Pat. Hol. Augers, list \$25 doz... dis 20c

**Balances.**  
Light and Common... dis 12c to 15c

**Bells.**  
Bevin Bros. Mfg. Co. Light Hand Bells... dis 60c to 75c  
Swiss Patent Hand Bells... low list dis 60c to 75c  
Connell's Door Bells... dis 35c  
Gt. Western & Kentucky Cow, new list... dis 50c

**Belt and Rivet Chains.**  
Chambers' No. 1, for 3/4 bolt... each \$7.50  
No. 2... 9.00  
No. 3... 12.00

**Boring Machines.**  
Upright, without Augers... List 5.50 dis 40c  
Angular, without Augers... 6.75

**Boiler—Eastern Carriage Boilers.**  
Philadelphia... dis 60c  
Stanley, Wrought Shutter... dis 60c

**Braces—Barber's.**  
Dis 40c

**Butts—Cast Fast.**  
Broad... dis 40c  
Cast Loose Joint, Narrow... dis 40c  
Acorn Loose Pin... dis 40c  
Mayer's Loose Joint... dis 40c  
Wrought Loose Pin... dis 40c  
Table Hinges and Back Flaps... dis 40c  
Narrow Fast... dis 40c  
Loose Joint... dis 40c

**Blind Butts.**  
Parker... dis 60c to 10c  
Clark... dis 60c to 10c  
Shepard... dis 60c to 10c  
Lul & Porter... dis 45c  
Huffer's... dis 45c

**Chains.**  
German Hammer and Coll. new list Oct. 22... 175c  
Galvanized Pipe... 100c net  
Best Proof Oil Chain—English... 7c gold  
7c 10c 7c 10c 7c 10c

**Chisels—Socket Framing.**  
Socket Framing... dis 60c to 10c  
Butcher's... 8c to 10c

**Casters.**  
Bed (new list July 1, 1880)... dis 20c to 30c  
Plate... dis 20c to 30c  
Coffee Mills and Sides, new list Jan. 1... 180c  
Enterprise... dis 35c

**Cutlery.**  
Walden Pocket... new list net  
Lander, Fray & Clark, J. Russell & Co., Lamson & Goodnow Mfg. Co. and Meriden Cutlery Co., Manufacturers' prices net.

**Drawing Knives.**  
Hart Mfg. Co.'s... dis 60c to 10c  
Adjustable Handle... dis 15c

**Fry Pans.**  
Tinned... 30c  
Woods \$3.00 4.00 4.50 5.00 5.50 6.00 7.00 8.00 10.00  
No. 9... 4c  
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No. 10... 5c

**Files.**  
Nicholson... dis 30c  
Diaton... dis 30c  
Butcher... 40c  
Sprenger... 40c to 45c

**Fluting Machines.**  
Eagle—3/4 in. roll... each \$2.15 dis 10c  
Crown—3/4 in. roll... 2.85  
No. 1 in. roll... 4.00  
No. 2 in. roll... 6.00  
Geneva Fluter... dis 20c  
Favorite com. Fluter & Sad Iron... 70c dis 10c to 20c

**Hammers.**  
Yerkes & Plumb, new list... dis 30c  
Hunt... dis 30c

**Hinges.**  
Strap and T... dis 45c to 10c  
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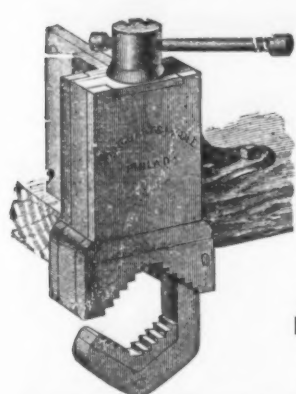
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**Locks and Knobs.**  
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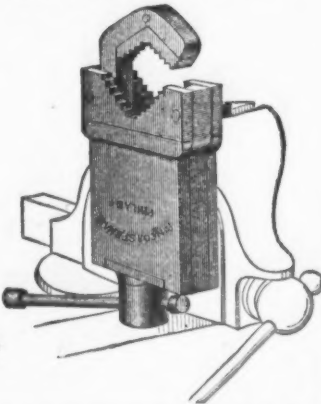


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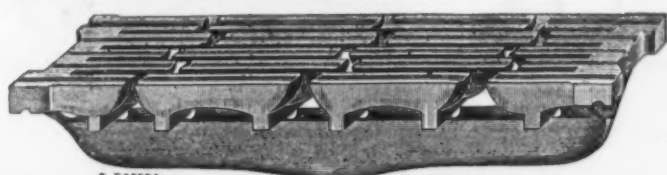
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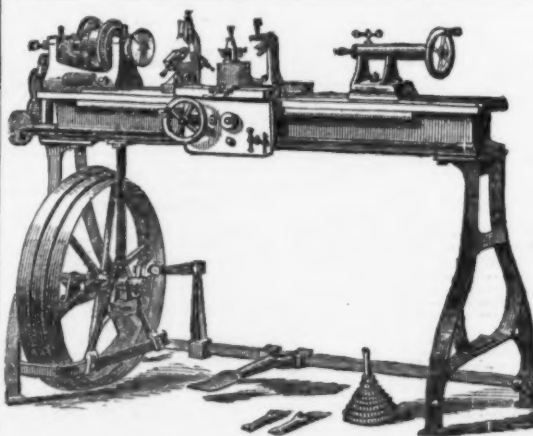
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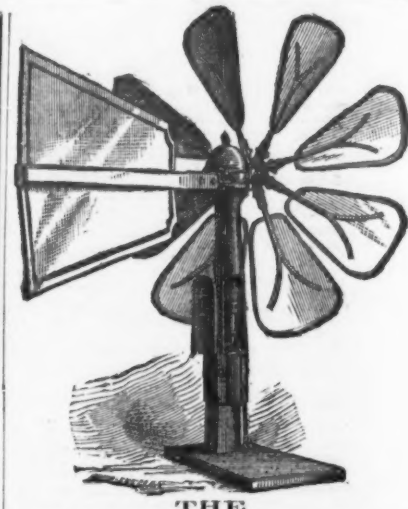


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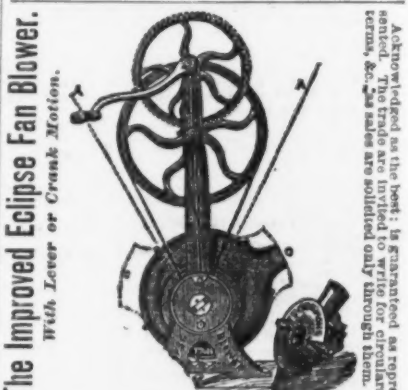
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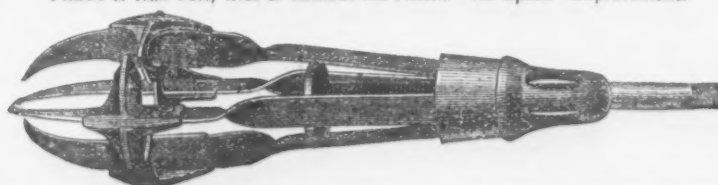
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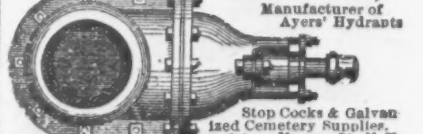
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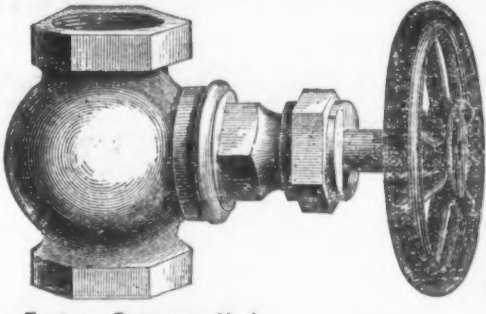
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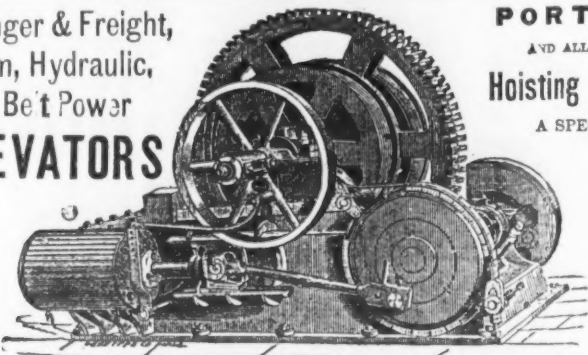


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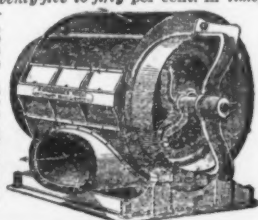
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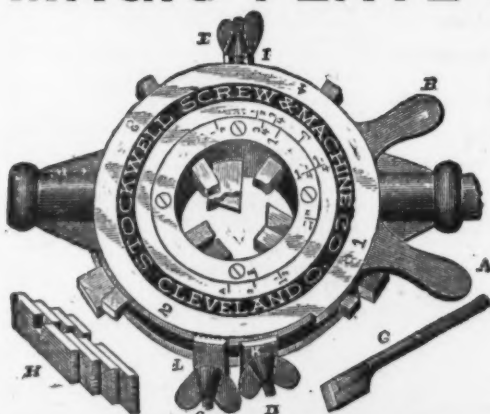
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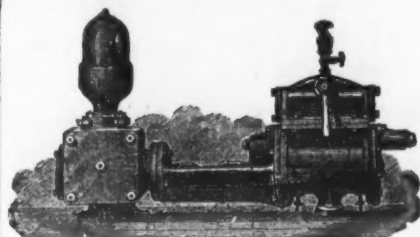
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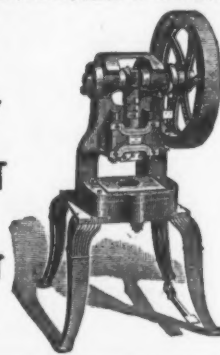
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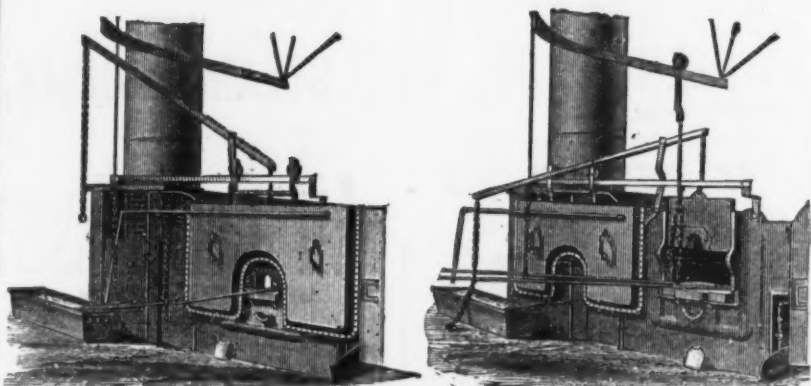


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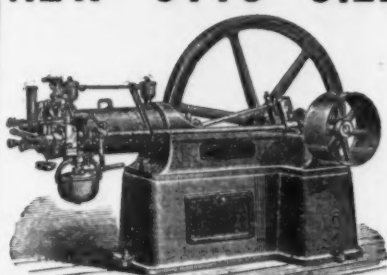
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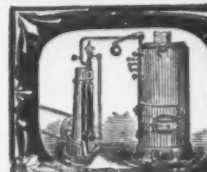
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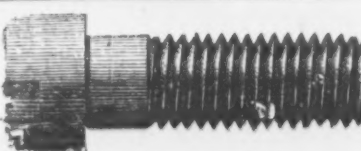
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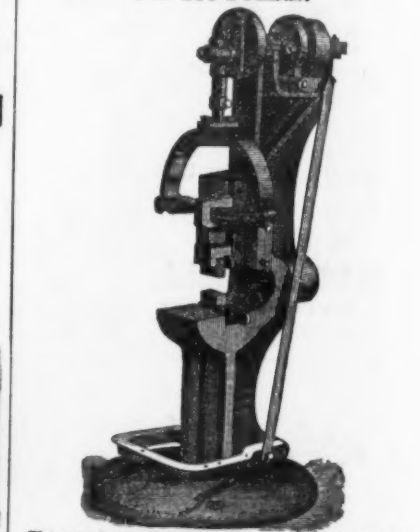
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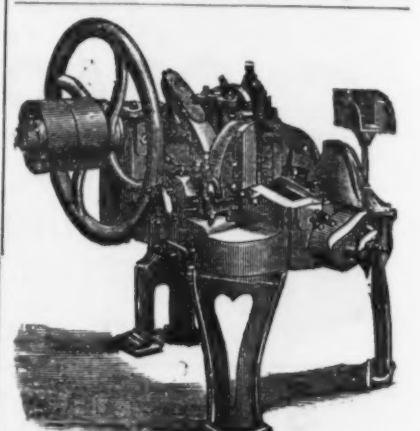
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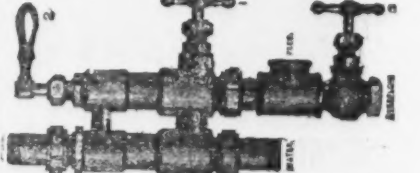
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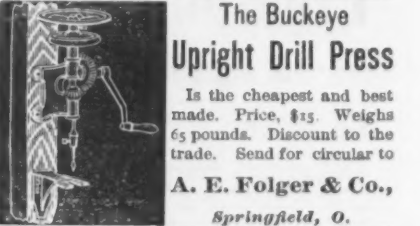


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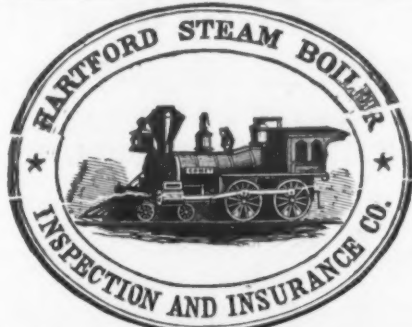


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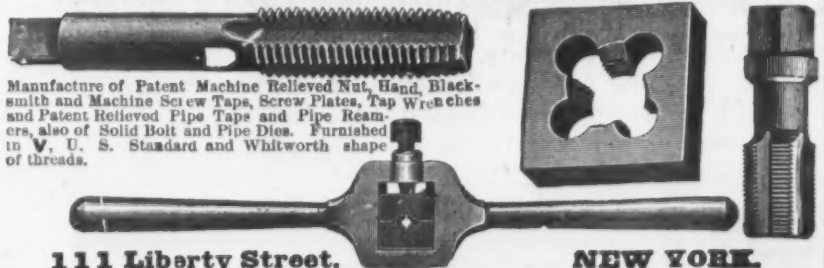
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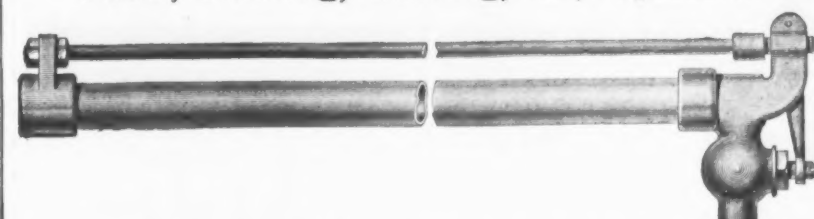
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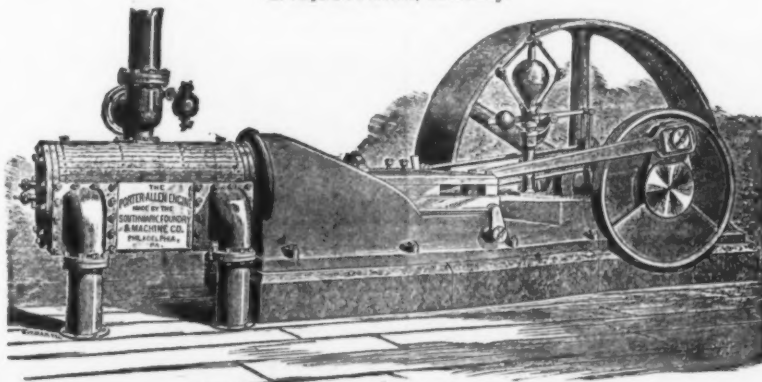
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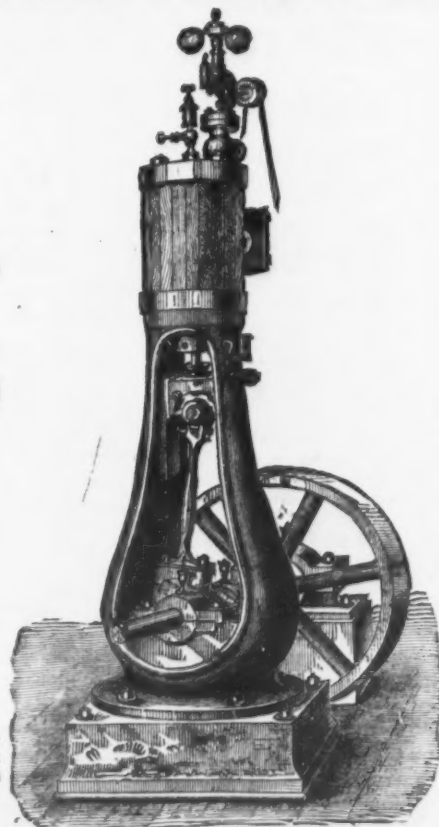
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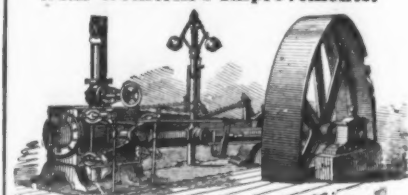
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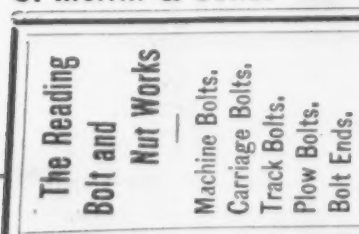
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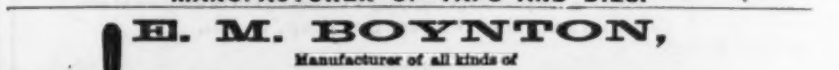
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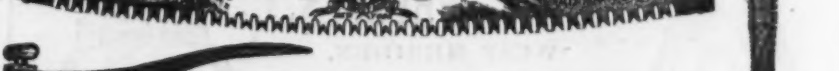
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